



Redeemed Pleasure Jimmy Evans

Focus We are redeemed when we open our hearts to Jesus Christ. A beautiful, pleasure-filled future in paradise awaits us. We will experience comfort and blissful rest, our senses will be heightened, and there will be no lack, no pain, and no fear. In eternity, the presence of God will be all around us. However, there is one qualification—we must choose whether or not we want to go there.

Fun God's Word tells us that the redeemed will all be given new names. If you could choose, what would yours be? Get creative!

Review Key Scriptures: Psalm 16:11; 1 Corinthians 2:9; 2 Corinthians 12:1–4; Luke 23:43

How could a loving God send people to hell?

- 1. The ultimate gift God has given us is free will, but with that gift are responsibilities.**

Adam and Eve's disobedience brought consequences that we all suffer from today—sin and a fallen world.

- 2. The only way to heaven is to use our free will to choose Jesus Christ as our Savior.**

God will not force His will on us. He gives us the choice to either follow Him into the light of paradise or follow the enemy into the darkness of hell.

- 3. Why would anyone refuse the grace of such a loving God?**

People who reject God and refuse His grace enjoy dwelling in evil. Their rebellion against a higher authority will bring dire consequences.

Group Dynamics Idea In his message, Pastor Jimmy imagined seeing godly men and women of the Bible given a place of honor in a heavenly pavilion. Who would you like to meet within its halls and what you would want to ask that person?

Discuss

1. What is the definition of *redeemed*?
2. Why has God given us free will? What are the potential consequences of having the freedom to choose?
3. How does grace function in the believer's life? What are some of the reasons people reject God's grace?
4. What spectacular events during the end times are foretold in Luke 21:25–28?
5. Pastor Jimmy detailed the characteristics of the society that precedes the end times (2 Timothy 3:1–7). List these characteristics and compare them with our society today.
6. Read Revelation 21:1–4. Describe the unfolding eternal events given in these verses. According to Scripture, what will be absent from heaven (Revelation 21:4)?
7. Take a moment to reflect on today's message. If you are uncertain where you will spend eternity, you must make a choice: heaven, where a veritable paradise awaits, or hell, a place of torture and darkness. If you choose to spend eternity in God's presence, please pray:

Jesus, I open my heart to You today. I believe that You are the Son of God sent to redeem me from my sins. I want to reflect You to those around me. I want to spend eternity in heaven with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- God gives us a choice.
- Receiving Jesus will open heaven's gates to us.

- Rejecting Jesus only brings torture and darkness.
- God wants us to spend eternity with Him.

Prayer

Lord, it is not your desire that any should perish. Soften the hearts of the lost, so they will choose Your saving grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Do not assume that everyone attending your group is a committed Christian. If you are uncertain, plan points in your study when the prayer of salvation can be offered.