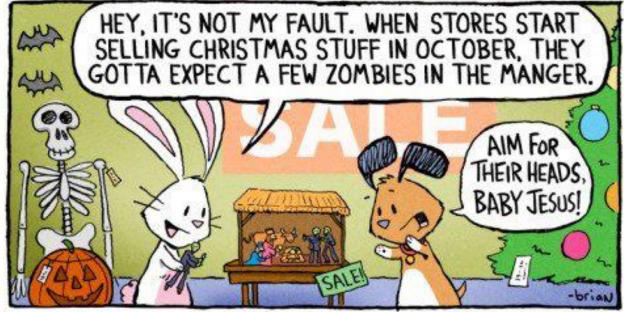
GIVE THANKS







The Pattern of Redemption

 Description of the people before redemption/in their adversity

People cry out to God in their trouble (a state of very unfavorable circumstances; implies emotional anguish)

 God delivers the people from their distress (a state of trouble, affliction, and suffering)

 The redeemed are called to give thanks to the Lord



The Lost

 Their trouble/distress – wandering in the wilderness (dangerous); hungry and thirsty

 Their redemption – being settled in a city (safety) and having their thirst/hunger satisfied with good things

 Picture of Jesus – the Good Shepherd who makes us lie down in green pastures and leads us by quiet waters



The Enslaved

 Their trouble/distress – chained in dark prisons due to their rebellion against God

 Their redemption – being brought out of darkness and having their chains broken

 Picture of Jesus – the Light who delivers us from darkness; the Deliverer who sets us free from what binds us



The Afflicted

Their trouble/distress – foolishness
 (disregard for God's wisdom) which results in affliction (anxiety, depression, distress, and disturbance)

 Their redemption – healing of afflictions and rescue from the grave

 Picture of Jesus – the Healer who binds up our wounded hearts; the Way who shows us God's path for our lives



The Helpless

 Their trouble/distress – a storm that is too big for them to handle

Their redemption – calming the storm and guiding them to their desired port (safe haven)

 Picture of Jesus – the Prince of Peace who quiets our hearts and the storms in our lives



The Redeemed

- Wandering/lost in wilderness those who were searching for what would truly satisfy
- In dark prisons those who were bound/in chains to their sinful desires
- Afflicted those who followed their own way and as a result were distressed, disturbed, anxious, or depressed
- Helpless those who were caught in a storm too big for them to handle that caused them to see their need for God



The Wandering/Lost

Father, I thank You because You are good and Your love towards me endures forever.

Thank You Jesus for delivering me from my trouble and distress.

Thank You for-

- settling me in Your family,
- for satisfying my thirst and hunger with good things,
- for being my Good Shepherd.



Those in Dark Prisons

Father, I thank You because You are good and Your love towards me endures forever.

Thank You Jesus for delivering me from my trouble and distress.

Thank You -

- for bringing me out of the darkness,
- for breaking the chains that bound me,
- for being my Light.



The Afflicted

Father, I thank You because You are good and Your love towards me endures forever.

Thank You Jesus for delivering me from my trouble and distress.

Thank You -

- for healing my afflictions,
- for rescuing me from the grave,
- for being my Way, Truth, and Life.



The Helpless

Father, I thank You because You are good and Your love towards me endures forever.

Thank You Jesus for delivering me from my trouble and distress.

Thank You-

- for calming the storms of my life,
- for guiding me to safe havens,
- for being my Prince of Peace.



Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, You made us in Your image, to love and to be loved.

When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast.

By the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your only Son Jesus Christ You delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.



On the night in which Jesus gave Himself up for us He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said:

Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said:

Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me.



And so, in remembrance of these

Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

As a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Jesus' Offering for us.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us,

And on this bread and juice.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Jesus.