

*Transforming Vision:*

Questions on Chapter Five: Transformed by Redemption

1. What BIG question does the doctrine of redemption answer? p. 73.
2. Explain the concept of “redemptive history.” With what promise does redemptive history begin, and what is the content of that promise? pp. 73-74
3. What role do covenants play in redemptive history, especially the covenants with Noah and Abraham? What is the content of these two covenants? How does Noah’s covenant relate to creation? How is Abraham’s covenant connected to the land? How does Abraham’s covenant narrow the redemptive focus for a while? How does it later open up to the whole world? What role, then, does Israel play in redemptive history? pp. 75-77
4. What is the definition of the kingdom of God? What is the evidence for the kingdom in the ministry of Christ? What are the chief traits of this kingdom? pp. 77-79
5. How is the concept of the kingdom connected to the idea of covenant? Though the kingdom concept is not as common outside the synoptic gospels, how do Acts 3: 21, Rom. 8: 19-23, 2 Pet. 3: 10-13, and Rev. 21: 1 convey the comprehensive, restorative nature of redemption? What two things do these passages emphasize about redemption? pp. 79-80
6. How does the kingdom relate to the exorcism of demons, and to the death and resurrection of Jesus? In what sense is the kingdom like leaven, and in what way is it both already present and not yet complete as explained by the D-Day/V-Day analogy? Is Satan a defeated foe already? Why or why not?
7. The three great consequences of redemption are these: we are renewed as God’s image (pp. 83-84), the Holy Spirit is poured out in the world (pp. 84-86), and the community of believers is established in the church (pp. 86-88). What are the most important insights from each of these sections?

8. How do we go about imaging Christ in our culture? How does the concept of structure and direction help answer this question? pp. 88-90