Theology Simply Explained — WSC29 "Redemption Applied by God"

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 29—especially explaining how just as God has accomplished our redemption in Christ, so also it is God Who applies to us our redemption by His Spirit.

Q29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ? We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit.

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Shorter. Catechism question this week is number 29. How are we made? Partakers Of the Redemption purchased by Christ. And the answer is. We are made partakers of the Redemption, purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of its to us by his holy.

Now, that is something that is going to Um, Begin. Or that is something that begins with effectual calling actually with regeneration. And then effectual colleague and so forth, there are There is an ongoing work. Of the Holy Spirit and justification adoption sanctification, and the several benefits that accompany them.

There's an ongoing work in, which the Holy Spirit applies. Uh, to us the Redemption that is purchased by Christ, and we will get to each of those. The main thing in this question and answer is that just as it is God himself, who redeems? In which he, especially makes the second person of Uh, the godhead as the Who becomes men in order to purchase Redemption Forest to accomplish Redemption for us.

It is also God himself who applies, the Redemption to us. And in the application of redemption, he highlights, especially to us the work of the third person of the godhead, the Holy And not just the Holy Spirit as he proceeds eternally from the father, and from the son. But the Holy Spirit as the gift from the son in his office as mediator.

Um, or in his role as a mediator. Because he says that he has to ascend to the father. Uh, in order to give the other helper, the Holy Spirit to whom he pours out, and who's pouring out, he also signifies to us. In our water baptisms. So that it is especially the Who accomplishes our Redemption.

And it is especially the spirit who applies our Redemption. So the Lord tells us in Titus 3, But when the kindness and love of God, our savior toward man appeared Not by works of righteousness, which we have done. Okay, so there he's talking about Jesus appearing, and accomplishing our Redemption.

And he says, when Uh, when God, our savior His kindness and his love his salvation toward man appeared. All of that, of God, appeared in Jesus Christ. Not by works of righteousness, which we have done. No, it was the works of righteousness which Jesus had done. That was the works of kindness and power and deliverance which Jesus has done.

Well, what comes after that accomplishing of our Redemption. It is the application of Of. Our Redemption. And so the not by works of righteousness, which we have done. Applies. Both to the accomplishing in verse 4. And then the applying, which we now hear about as verse 5, continues not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to his Mercy, He saved us through.

The washing of regeneration. And renewing of the Holy. Whom he poured out on us. Abundantly. Through Jesus Christ. Our Savior. And so, It is God the Triune God who pours out his Spirit upon us. Pours, at the third person of the godhead upon us as it were but it is especially through the second person of the godhead, as the god man, as our mediator in his ascended, seated glory.

And this is great testimony to the fact that even In his human nature, Jesus is still a Divine person. It's because it is a human on the throne of Glory who has poured out. God, the Holy Spirit on. And how can a human pour out. God Well, it is because although he has a full and true human nature.

The nature is not the person. You have the one person with the two Natures. And he the one person acts by each nature in the manner, that is appropriate to that nature. And so he is the one who has poured out his holy Spirit, and his holy spirit, then what he does is, especially apply the Redemption.

That Jesus has accomplished. And then the two things. Come together. The justification in verse 7. Which is especially accomplished by Jesus. Uh in his life and death and Resurrection and then our inheritance which includes our own personal justification in time, the application of Christ's work to us, By his Spirit through faith.

But also The spirit's ongoing work including up to. The last day and unto all eternity of bringing us into our inheritance and sustaining Us in enjoying our inheritance. So, Titus 3 7 says, that having been justified by his grace, we should become heirs, according to the hope of eternal life.

So the whole thing all together Titus 3 4-7 but when the kindness and love of God, our savior toward man appeared not by works of righteousness, which we have done. But according to his Mercy, he saved us through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit whom he poured out on us abundantly through.

Jesus Christ, Our Savior Having been justified by his grace, we should become heirs, according to the hope of eternal life. So the main point of our question then how are we made partakers of the Redemption? Purchased by Christ is Um, That God himself who has purchased our Redemption is also the one who applies to us our Redemption.

So you could just answer with one word. God. Um, but Uh, the full answer that we have in the shorter. Catechism is, we are made partakers of the Redemption purchased by Christ by the effectual application of it to us. By his holy Spirit.