

*From the Pastor's Desk:  
A Repair Only God can do*



***“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins”. --Colossians 1:13-14***

Growing up, our family didn't change cars very often. My father's philosophy was to drive a car until it could not be driven anymore. One time when I came home from school, I was surprised to see a different car in our driveway. It was a little blue sedan similar to what we already had, but looked older. I quickly ran into the house to ask my dad about the “new” car. Was it a fixer-upper? He explained that no, it was just a “parts” vehicle and did not run. But we were going to use it to “fix up” our current vehicle.

What about us? Are we God's fixer upper project? Do we just need a few parts here and there, and suddenly we are repaired? Well not exactly. We might be able to keep a car or other equipment going for a long time given the right parts, but with spiritual things, it becomes more complicated.

Because of sin, there is a lot wrong with us. We are like a car that doesn't just need a new part here and there, but a complete overhaul. So, God overhauls us by placing new life in us, through his Holy Spirit. When we repent of our sins, God places in us forgiveness of sins and peace with God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We are a “new creation” in Him. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:17 , “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” Ezekiel further adds to this thought by saying, God gives to us a “new heart and a new spirit” (Ezekiel 36:26). Only God can do this, while we are completely incapable of repairing ourselves spiritually.

We are not just a “fixed up people” but a “redeemed people”. In Christ, we have had a complete spiritual overhaul. God has given to us a new identity in Christ, and a new heart that wants to obey Him. We are a people who have been bought back from punishment and death, and restored to peace and life with the Father through his mercy and grace at the cross! Amen.

*Heavenly Father, We thank you that you have not cast us aside, but you have done everything possible through your Son Jesus, to save us. Thank you for redeeming us, and continue to mold and shape our lives into conformity with your will. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

Sincerely,  
Pastor Chris