

**God's News—Early or Late Edition**  
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I. Introduction.

- A. God was at His best on the cross.
- B. All events of history are based upon what happened at the cross.

II. Four characteristics of God's redemption.

- A. Redemption was an eternal plan. God chooses people and grants them the gift of salvation. (Ephesians 1:4)
- B. Redemption was a just plan.
  - 1. God was both just and the justifier. (Romans 3)
  - 2. Only God could meet the demands of God.
- C. Redemption is a gracious plan. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
  - 1. Jesus paid it all.
  - 2. People receive salvation by trusting only in the grace of God, not works.
- D. Redemption is a successful plan.

**Application questions:**

- 1. Which aspect of redemption stands out to you the most? What strikes you about it?  
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- 2. How would you respond to a person who says that one must do good deeds in order to be saved?  
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- 3. Why can redemption be said to be a successful plan? Explain.  
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