

## INTRODUCTION

1. Lk 24:47 - What is context for *to all the nations*?
  - i. Words of the resurrected Lord; words of OT Script [v44,46]; words of Jesus' commission to proclaim repentance & forgiveness.
  - ii. Context to interp *to all the nations* is OT. The missionary epoch of the NCov people of God was foretold in OT.

### 1st: The Context of Redemptive History

1. Today's aversion to "meta-narrative" & advocacy of pluralism. If our story is not about our union with Jesus & His story, its a sad story! R 11:36
2. How is Bible's story constructed? Creation - Fall - Redemption - Consummation. Christopher Wright: *Mission of God*, 63-64:

### 2nd: Redemption and Consummation is Purposed in Creation

1. Creation continues to drive God's purpose in unfolding of history. We understand our salvation according to the categories of creation.
2. We are informed of creation so that we might know the Lord as our Redeemer - Gn 1:1-2
  - i. Vocab of chaos is used later in OT re: judgment: de-creating. Vocab bec/s assoc'd w/ "evil" [so too v10 *seas* & v21 *sea monsters*]. Judgment is a reversal of creation - Jer 4:23; Zeph 1:2-3
  - ii. But Gn 1:31 *good* - includes v2's vocab of chaos!? What is God telling us? He is sovereign over & uses chaos for *good*.
  - iii. God created out of chaos, which in fallen world describes judgment. God recreates out of chaos & gives life out of judgment of death.
  - iv. The Creator is YHWH, who controls chaos of Red Sea & wilderness & works salvation out of the context of judgment - 2Pt 3:10-13
3. Creation = space & time - gives structure for history. Creation designed to be elevated into God's Sabbath glory. Jesus has already accomplished that divine purpose for the fallen dust of this creation. Succeeds where Adam failed - Gn 1:26-28 = vocab used re: God's redeeming grace in Jesus.

- i. Our salvation includes the glorification of creation.
  - ii. 1 C 15:21-24 - Jesus brings creation to God's intended purpose
  - iii. v45 - [Gn 2:7] - our res body will be better than Adam's pre-fall body
  - iv. Eph 5:30-32 marriage: Jesus & Church. Creation signifi redemption
4. The gospel for all nations is the good news from the Creator who is our Redeemer of fallen creation - R 8:19-22
  5. Rv 21:1 - Rev 21-22 : new cosmos = Garden/temple = inclusio w/ Gn 1-3. The Creator who brings creation from chaos is Redeemer to brings new creation out of death. Rv 21-22 = resurrected Garden of Eden: it begins! All for the glory of Jesus - Hb 1:2; 2:10; R 11:36.

### Applic #1: We Must Read Scripture "In Context".

1. Danger of not reading "in context". D.A. Carson: "A text taken out of context becomes a proof-text for a pretext."
2. "Context is king" when reading & interpreting Scripture.

### Applic #2: Our Creator is Our Redeemer

1. Record of creation = God's self revelation of God of Israel: YHWH - our Lord Jesus Christ. He saves us out of the chaos of death, sin, judgment - R 4:17; 2C 4:6.
2. Do we & creation *groan* under chaotic curse of death? Metaphor or pregnant woman & the 4-part structure of redemptive history.
3. Creation & redemption drives history to the revelation of the glory of Jesus Rv 4:11 & Rv 5:13. The Creator is our Savior.

4. Why is gospel to be proclaimed *to all the nations*? Because our Jesus Christ is our Creator, Redeemer & Lord. The revelation of His grace a saving love is good news to every creature under heaven!