**The Glory of the Messiah – Is. 43: 1 -7**

*But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel, do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by my name; you are Mine! 43:1*

**Focal Truth: God the redeems Israel they belonged to God – Jesus redeems sinners, believers belong to Jesus!**

1. **God promised Israel that He would be their redeemer from their coming Babylonian captivity 43:1 -2**

*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!*

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, you Savior…*

*I have redeemed you! = redeemed - kinsman redeemer – payment for freedom & deliverance*

1. God promises to save Israel from captivity like He saved Israel from Egypt when they crossed the Red Sea – *when you pass through the waters I will be with you….*
2. God will be present with Israel in all their troubles – 43:2
3. God loves Israel & they are precious in His sight – 43:4
4. **God assures Israel that they belong to Him – He belongs to them – 43:1**

*I have called you by name, you are Mine!*

*The people I formed for myself will declare My praise –* 43:21

1. **God assures Israel not to fear because He is their redeemer – 43:5 - 6**

*Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from east; and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, Give them up! And to the south, do not hold them back. Brings My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth*

1. **God assures Israel to remember He has called them to be His people 43:7**

*Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory, whom I have formed, even whom I have made.*

1. **Jesus has come to redeem sinners who are condemned by the Law of God**

1 John 2:2 – *He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world*

1 John 4:10 – *in this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins*

Propitiation = the appeasing – the sacrifice that appeases God’s wrath and displeasure with man’s sin

1. **Jesus has come to redeem sinners from the bondage of sin**

Lk. 4:18 – *the Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed*

1. **Jesus has come to redeem sinners from the fear of death**

Heb. 2:14 -15 – *therefore since the children share in the flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives*

1. **Redeemed sinners by God’s grace become children of God**

Gal. 4:4 – 6 – *But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His son into our hearts, crying, Abba Father!*

1. **Redeemed sinners love God – I am His & He is Mine!**

John 17:9 -10 – *I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom you have given Me, for they are Yours; and all that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have glorified them.*

Song of Songs 6:3 – I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine!

**Now I belong to Jesus**

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**Verse 1**

Jesus my Lord will love me forever
From Him no pow'r of evil can sever
He gave His life to ransom my soul
Now I belong to Him

Chorus

Now I belong to Jesus
Jesus belongs to me
Not for the years of time alone
But for eternity

**Verse 2**

Once I was lost in sin's degradation
Jesus came down to bring me salvation
Lifted me up from sorrow and shame
Now I belong to Him

**Verse 3**

Joy floods my soul for Jesus has saved me
Freed me from sin that long had enslaved me
His precious blood He gave to redeem
Now I belong to Him