

Title: REDEMPTION

'Bought with a price'

Key text: *Eph. 1:7-8; 1 Cor. 6:20; Rom. 3:23-24; Gal. 3:13; Gal. 4:3-5; Luke 27-28; Lev. 17:11*

REDEMPTION means...

1. *to buy back – the act of purchasing back something that was sold*
2. *to free from captivity by payment of ransom*
3. *to change for the better – going from something to something else*

DEPRAVITY OF MAN – the state of man under sin
Because we're sold into slavery under [the control of] sin, all humans became **morally corrupt** and **spiritually bankrupt**.

Life is reduced to tradition and good deeds without any hope.

The Bible clearly describes the condition of a person who is sold to SIN.

- Wickedness prevailed in life – Read *Gen. 6:5*
- Everyone has inherited sin – Our tendency and bent were toward sin. Read *Psa. 51:5*

- Our heart became deceitful – **Read *Jer. 17:9***
- Life became hard – Read ***Prov. 13:15, 21; 4:9***
- We became carnal and could not please God –
Read ***Rom. 8:5-8***

The Hebrew word for sin is '**khata**' which means '**missing the mark**'.

Without Christ and being sold to sin, every human being will always miss the mark, the purpose of his or her life.

Paul speaks about it in ***Romans 7: 15-17 & 24***

15 I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate.

16 But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good.

17 So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

24 Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death?

No one is free. Every person in the world is a slave in their sinful state.

Q: What brought us to captivity?

A: SIN brought us to captivity.

John 8:34 – We are slaves to sin.

Romans 6:17 – We are servants to sin.

Romans 7:14 – We are sold under sin.

Romans 8:21 – We are in bondage to corruption.

Sin is what put man into bondage.

Sin demands a price to release its victim.

What is the price? The price is DEATH!

Rom. 6:23 – For the wages or payment of sin is death.

Jesus paid the price of sin to set the captives free.

Through Jesus' sacrificial death, by giving His own flesh and pouring His own blood, He purchased us from the slavery of sin and set us free from the dominion of darkness to the kingdom of light.

What does redemption mean to us?

1. **Christ has set us free from the slavery of sin**

Redemption is the English translation of the Greek word '*agorazo*', meaning ***to purchase or buy out*** of the marketplace.

Romans 3:23-24

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

2. Christ has set us free from the dominion of darkness to the kingdom of light

Another Greek word relating to redemption is the Greek term is '**exagorazo**'. Redemption always involves **going from something to something else**.

Col. 1:13 – For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

3. Christ has paid the price by His own blood

The third Greek word connected with redemption is '**lutroo**', meaning **to obtain release by the payment of a price**.

Hebrews 9:22 – Without the shedding of blood (death) there is no remission of sins.

The price (or ransom), in Christianity, was Christ's precious blood, obtaining our release from sin and death.

Acts 20:28 – Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock... to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

The sinners stand before God as a captive because of sin but through His blood, we have secured our total redemption and now eternally free.

Because you are redeemed – you are blood washed and blood bought, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Col. 3:3 – For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Gal. 2:20 – I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

The message of redemption is a message of hope, of second chances, and of a love that knows no bounds.

It is a reminder that no matter how broken or lost we are, God's love and grace have the power to redeem and restore us.