

Redemption

Jesus's Death Bought our Freedom from Sin

Introduction:

Redemption is the action of regaining possession of something in exchange for payment, or clearing a debt. When we say "Jesus Redeemed us," we are saying that his death on the cross *purchased* or *paid for* the debt of our sin, so that we would no longer have to be slaves to sin. And not only that we would be free from sin – but that we would now belong to him. Now that we are redeemed, our lives can now have the purpose we were created for: to bring glory to God.

Memory Verse:

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace"
Ephesians 1:7

Scripture References:

- *"Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story – those he redeemed from the hand of the foe."* Psalm 107:2
- *"He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever -- Holy and awesome is his name."* Psalm 111:9
- *"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, and your sins like the morning mist; return to me, for I have **redeemed you.**"* Isaiah 44:22
- *"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and **to give his life as a ransom for many.**"* Matthew 20:28
- *"When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your **redemption** is drawing near."* Luke 21:28
- *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood -- to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished--."* Romans 3:23-25
- *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and **gave himself for me.**"* Galatians 2:20
- *"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
- *"Who gave himself for us to **redeem us** from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."* Titus 2:14

Prayer Focus:

- **Adoration:** Worship God because he is our loving, merciful, and just redeemer.
- **Confession:** Confess your sin, and all behavior that is a part of your old self. You are redeemed by God, and you are a new creation.
- **Thanksgiving:** Thank God for sending his son Jesus to die on the cross for our redemption.
- **Supplication:** Ask God to help us live in daily awareness of our abundant life, redeemed by Christ.

Discussion Questions:

- For what purpose did God created us?
- How was this purpose compromised by sin?
- What was the “debt” that Jesus “paid”? What did Jesus pay the debt with?
- What does it mean that our lives were redeemed?
- How does understanding our redemption change our daily life?