

Redemption

What It Really Means

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REDEMPTION RESCUES, RESTORES, AND EMPOWERS!

A REVELATION OF REDEMPTION WILL REVOLUTIONIZE YOUR LIFE AND THE WAY YOU SHARE YOUR FAITH!

Hebrews 9:11-15

But that appointed time came when Christ appeared as a High Priest of the better things that have come and are to come. Then through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with human hands, that is, not a part of this material creation, He went once for all into the Holy of Holies of Heaven, not by virtue of the blood of goats and calves, by which to make reconciliation between God and man), but His own blood, having found and secured a complete redemption--an everlasting release for us...

1. REDEMPTION is the English translation of the Greek word *agorazo*, meaning 'to purchase in the marketplace'.
2. In ancient times, it often referred to the act of buying a slave
3. Scriptures tell us that mankind has become captured and enslaved by God's enemy
4. Jesus paid the price; He purchased for God a people from every tribe and nation
5. He came to set us free!

Colossians 1:13-14

The Father has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the Kingdom of the Son of His love, in Whom we have our redemption through His blood, which means the forgiveness of our sins.

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

3. Christ freed us *from* the control and dominion of darkness *to* life in the Kingdom of God

Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our sins (offenses, shortcomings, & trespasses), in accordance with the riches and the generosity of His gracious favor...

1. A third Greek word relating to REDEMPTION is *lutroo*, meaning 'to release by the payment of a price';
2. With Jesus' precious blood, we have been released from the penalty due because of our sin
3. Jesus paid the price due with His blood

Romans 3:24-25

All are justified and made upright and in right standing with God, freely and gratuitously by His grace, through the redemption which is provided in Christ Jesus, Whom God put forward before the eyes of all as a mercy seat and propitiation by His blood, the cleansing and life-giving sacrifice of atonement and reconciliation, to be received through faith.

1. We've been bought with a price
2. We BELONG to God! We BELONG to God! Think about that...

Story of Sally Beth Roe: an awesome picture of what redemption looks like:

Sally Beth Roe knew about Jesus from her childhood, but her life-situations and choices she made led her down a dark road of new age theology. Unbeknownst to her, she made a pact with the devil. She opened major doors of demonic oppression into her life through believing the lie of the new age theology. It all started out fine, but the deeper she got into it, the more her life spun out of control.

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REDEMPTION RESCUES: from the power of the enemy

REDEMPTION RESTORES: our position of dominion and rule
REDEMPTION EMPOWERS: us to live in victory
The Good News is not about going to Heaven or Hell.

Before the natural world was ever formed, God had decided on a plan. He would create a being in His image; one that He could fellowship with; one that would give Him a family. He would create a world for that being to rule over just as God ruled over the universe.

God knew there would be opposition. The rebel spirit, Satan, would succeed in stealing the power to rule from God's creation through lies and deception. Once that happened, all fellowship would be broken and God's creation would be enslaved to the enemy.

Mankind would need redemption. That's the Good News! God didn't provide redemption for the rebel spirits or for the ancient world between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. He did make plans to provide redemption for mankind!

That's why the angels rejoice and stand in awe of Jesus as 'Savior'. There is no savior for angels or other spirit beings. Only humans.

Redemption. We've been redeemed. Our penalty has been paid. We are free from the power of darkness because Satan has no power over the redeemed person. He only has power over those who he will believe his lies and deception.

The Good News is not about where you are going to spend Eternity; it is about RECONCILIATION. God, through the blood of Jesus Christ has made a way back to our former good position.

It's about being free from the dark things that try to invade our lives. It's about living in the sunshine where all things pertaining to life and godliness have already been given to us!

That's what the Church should be telling the world. It's the GOODNESS of God that turns sinners from their ways!

