

Redemption

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Redemption

Redemption is the act of God in which He purchases us back for Himself so we belong to Him. The price paid for our purchase was the precious blood of Jesus Christ. In Greek the word for redemption *apolutrosis* means to “free or deliver by the paying of a price (or ransom)”.

Ransom

Greek *lutron* A ransom is the price paid for releasing a captive. The process of paying the ransom and setting the captive free is called redemption. Mark 10:45

Hebrew *koper* Exodus 21:28-30 If a bull is in the habit of goring and causes someone to die the owner is to be put to death. Because this is not willful murder the owner can buy back their life by paying a ransom.

Redemption through the blood of Jesus

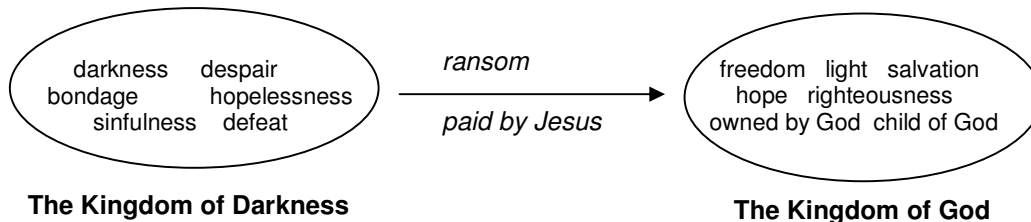
- Whoever commits sin is a slave to sin. John 8:34
- All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23
- The wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23

Therefore everyone is under sentence of death.

(Death means separation from God, who is the source of life. John 6:63. Death includes lack of spiritual life while someone is alive; missing out on relationship with God; being ‘lost’, and being condemned to eternal damnation).

The only way that spiritual death can be averted is for someone to die on behalf of the whole human race. All must die, or one must die in the place of, or as a substitute for, all. Hebrews 10:14

Jesus died in our place! The blood of Jesus was shed as a ransom to set us free from the sentence of death and bring us into the Kingdom of God. Mark 10:45, Ephesians 1:7, Romans 3:21-26, Colossians 1:13, 14.



God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement. Romans 3:25

Atonement (propitiation, expiation)

Greek *hilasterion* Atonement is the act of God in which He shows mercy to sinners by covering over and forgiving their sin.

Because atonement has been made God’s wrath towards sin has been satisfied. Sacrifice for sin has been made by Jesus’ death on the cross, once for all; our sin has been covered over by the blood of Christ, and we are reconciled to God. Hallelujah! 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Why blood?

The Old Testament sacrifices sought to bring about forgiveness of sin by the shedding of blood. Leviticus 17:11, 14 (This is because God is holy and can't have anything to do with sin. To protect God's holiness anyone who sins must die. Ezekiel 18:4 Life is in the blood so therefore blood had to be shed. Hebrews 9:22).

The shedding of the blood of animals was imperfect and did not secure eternal redemption (so it had to be endlessly repeated). Hebrews 10:1-4

Jesus was the perfect sacrifice. His blood was shed once for all, Hebrews 10:14, bringing about eternal redemption. In doing so He also redeemed us from wickedness so that we can do good and live in right relationship with God. Titus 2:14

The results of redemption

Now, because the price has been paid - the precious blood of Christ - we are free in Him: free from the penalty of sin - death. Our sins are forgiven. Colossians 1:14. We have eternal life! Hebrews 9:15

Because the price has been paid for our redemption we now belong to God. 1 Peter 1:18,19 (Jesus was the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world John 1:29). 1 Corinthians 6:19,20

When we are saved we surrender all of our rights to God. He becomes our Lord. We are His property; He owns us; we belong to Him and can do what He wants with us. In being set free from sin and death we become slaves to God (love slaves!). 1 Corinthians 7:23, 24

What are the implications of this? How does our free will influence this?

As a result of our redemption we have confidence to enter into the presence of God and have a personal relationship with Him through the Lord Jesus Christ. Hebrews 10:19-23

Therefore let us hold fast to a good confession.

I have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. I have been set free from the power of sin and death. I have eternal life. I am free! I now belong to God. He is my Lord. He can do with me whatever He wills.

One day a boy made a small toy yacht. He was very excited when he finished his yacht and took it down to the river for its first sail.

The yacht sailed beautifully but then the wind came up and the yacht sailed away and was lost. The boy looked everywhere along the river but couldn't find his yacht. He returned home in tears.

A week later he was walking past a shop in the town when he saw his yacht for sale in the window. Someone must have found it!

The boy rushed home and got together all of his money. He had just enough to buy the yacht! He ran back to the shop and happily bought back his yacht.

When he left the shop with the yacht in his arms he said, with tears in his eyes
I made you; I lost you; I found you; I bought you; you're mine!

