

Redemption - Ransom - Deliverance

Luke 1:68-69 "Blessed [be] the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, 69 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant-- (NASB)

Luke 2:38 And at that very moment she (*Anna*) came up and [began] giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. (NASB)

Luke 24:21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. (NASB)

Redemption: Whenever men by their fault or through some superior power have come under control of someone else, and have lost their freedom to implement their will and decisions, and when their own resources are inadequate to deal with that other power, they can regain their freedom only by the intervention of a third party.

I. REDEMPTION IS ILLUSTRATED BY SEVERAL EXAMPLES UNDER THE OLD COVENANT

A. Exchange.

Leviticus 27:30-33 'Thus all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's; it is holy to the LORD. 31 'If, therefore, a man wishes to redeem part of his tithe, he shall add to it one-fifth of it. 32 'And for every tenth part of herd or flock, whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD. 33 'He is not to be concerned whether [it is] good or bad, nor shall he exchange it; or if he does exchange it, then both it and its substitute shall become holy. It shall not be redeemed.' " (NASB)

B. Ransom.

Exodus 13:13-15 "But every first offspring of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, but if you do not redeem [it,] then you shall break its neck; and every first-born of man among your sons you shall redeem. 14 "And it shall be when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' then you shall say to him, 'With a powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. 15 'And it came about, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed every first-born in the land of Egypt, both the first-born of man and the first-born of beast. Therefore, I sacrifice to the LORD the males, the first offspring of every womb, but every first-born of my sons I redeem.' (NASB)

C. Redemption.

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II. REDEMPTION IS PURPOSED IN THE SUFFERING SERVANT OF ISAIAH.

Isaiah 53:10-12 But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting [Him] to grief; If He would render Himself [as] a guilt offering, He will see [His] offspring, He will prolong [His] days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand. 11 As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see [it] and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors. (NASB) See 1 Pet. 2:24

Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (NASB)

III. REDEMPTION BECAME THE COSTLIEST ACT ON EARTH

A. Believers are bought with a price.

1 Corinthians 6:20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body. (NASB)

1 Corinthians 7:23 You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men. (NASB)

B. The price was Jesus' Blood.

1 Peter 1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, (NASB)

Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, (NASB)

C. Paid to atone for our sins.

Galatians 1:4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us out of this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, (NASB)

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"-- (NASB)

Galatians 4:5 in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. (NASB)

Colossians 1:13 For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, (NASB)

D. Christ's self-giving death was grounded in love.

E. He delivered himself.

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and 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 delivered Himself up for me. (NASB)

Ephesians 5:2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. (NASB)

IV. REDEMPTION OUGHT TO BE THE OBJECT OF OUR CONSTANT PRAYER LIFE

1 Timothy 2:3-6 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, [and] one mediator also between God and men, [the] man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony [borne] at the proper time. (NASB)

V. REDEMPTION OUGHT TO BE THE OBJECT OF OUR CONSTANT HOPE

Romans 8:23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for [our] adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. (NASB) Rom. 8:23