

## Redemption Through His Blood

*“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ” (Ephesians 1:7, ESV)*

What is Redemption?

REDEMPTION — the purchase back of something that had been lost, by the payment of a ransom. The Greek word so rendered is *apolutrosis* (opp-ah-lou-throw-sees), a word occurring nine times in Scripture, and always with the idea of a ransom or price paid *There are many passages in the New Testament which represent Christ’s sufferings under the idea of a ransom or price, and the result thereby secured is a purchase or redemption (comp. Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Gal. 3:13; 4:4, 5; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Titus 2:14; Heb. 9:12; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19; Rev. 5:9). The idea running through all these texts, however various their reference, is that of payment made for our redemption. The debt against us is not viewed as simply cancelled, but is fully paid. Christ’s blood or life, which he surrendered for them, is the “ransom” by which the deliverance of his people from the servitude of sin and from its penal consequences is secured. It is the plain doctrine of Scripture that “Christ saves us neither by the mere exercise of power, nor by his doctrine, nor by his example, nor by the moral influence which he exerted, nor by any subjective influence on his people, whether natural or mystical, but as a satisfaction to divine justice, as an expiation for sin, and as a ransom from the curse and authority of the law, thus reconciling us to God by making it consistent with his perfection to exercise mercy toward sinners” (Easton, M. (1996). Easton's Bible dictionary. Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.)*

‘buying back’ a slave or captive, i.e. ‘making free’ by payment of a ransom, release from a captive condition, release, deliverance, redemption, acquittal, also the state of being redeemed\* you were sealed for the day of redemption - through which you become God’s property 1:14.\*Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., & Bauer, W. (2000). A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature (3rd ed.) (117). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

1. Before we can understand how we have been redeemed – we must first look to **what was purchased**.

*“Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for **the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.**”* (Acts 20:26–28, ESV)

*“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and **gave himself up for her,**”* (Ephesians 5:25, ESV)

*“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, **for you were bought with a price.** So glorify God in your body.”* (1 Corinthians 6:19–20, ESV)

*“**who gave himself for us to redeem us** from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”* (Titus 2:14, ESV)

*“he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but **by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.**”* (Hebrews 9:12, ESV)

*“knowing that **you were ransomed** from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but **with the precious blood of Christ,** like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”* (1 Peter 1:18–19, ESV)

*“And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and **by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,**”* (Revelation 5:9, ESV)

2. We see that the purchase was **His people**, the Church whom “He purchased with **His own blood.**”

*“...to care for **the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood**”* (Acts 20:28b, ESV)

“...Christ loved the church and **gave himself up for her**” (Ephesians 5:25b, ESV)

3. Why did He have to shed His very own blood? **To pay for our sins.**

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, **for he will save his people from their sins.**” (Matthew 1:21, ESV)

4. We see that **because of Him** we are now in Christ Jesus – who became our **redemption.**

“And **because of him** you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and **redemption,**” (1 Corinthians 1:30, ESV)

5. The **Father** is the one who qualified (us for this **redemption.**

“giving thanks to **the Father, who has qualified you** to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have **redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**” (Colossians 1:12-14, ESV)

To qualify (ikanoo) {EE-CAN-KNOW} means to cause someone or something to be adequate for something—‘to make sufficient, to make adequate, to cause to be qualified.’ Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). Vol. 1: Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament : Based on semantic domains (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition.) (678). New York: United Bible societies.

6. We are **justified by His grace** as a gift through this redemption that is in Jesus Christ.

“and are **justified by his grace** as a gift, through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus,” (Romans 3:24, ESV)

7. This redemption is **through His blood** and is received by **faith.**

*“whom God put forward as a **propitiation by his blood**, to be **received by faith**. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ” (Romans 3:25, ESV)*

8. God’s **common grace** is not to be taken for granted, If you are here today or are listening somehow - know this fact – God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance – this is a genuine offer for you to repent of your sins and have true faith in Jesus Christ.

*“Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not **knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?** ” (Romans 2:4, ESV)*

9. The problem is (for most) – just as soon as I made the offer you either rejected it immediately or brushed it off like you have another day. The Bible says:

*“But because of your hard and impenitent heart **you are storing up wrath for yourself** on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed. ” (Romans 2:5, ESV)*

10. We have seen today that Jesus made an actual purchase of a people for Himself (Redeemed His people) – actually paid for their sins (past present and future) and sent His Holy Spirit to seal them for that great day of final redemption.

*“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were **sealed for the day of redemption**. ” (Ephesians 4:30, ESV)*