

## Forgiveness of Our Trespasses

*“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 ‘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

1. Before you can have forgiveness there must be a redeemer and a ransom – a price paid to satisfy for **your transgressions**.

*“**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)

2. That price paid for the redeemed is the **Blood of Jesus**.

*“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)

*“how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, **so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance**, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ”* (Hebrews 9:14–16, 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)

*“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)

3. 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.

4. Without the **shedding of blood** there is no forgiveness of sins.

*“Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.** ”* (Hebrews 9:22, ESV)

5. This forgiveness is offered **freely to all who believe**.

*“And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness **that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.**”* (Acts 10:42–43, ESV)

*“Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, **and by him everyone who believes is freed***

*from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.” (Acts 13:38–39, ESV)*

6. 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)*

7. Jesus proclaimed that Repentance and Forgiveness of sins is to be preached in His name to **all Nations**.

*“and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, **and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations**, beginning from Jerusalem. ” (Luke 24:46–47, ESV)*

8. **The end will not come** until this preaching is finished because the blood we talked about is the blood that **will ransom out of** every tribe and language and people and nation.

*“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)*

*“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. ” (Matthew 24:14, ESV)*

9. Until that time we have a Gospel to **proclaim**, a sanctification to **pursue** and continual repentance and striving to **produce** to enter the narrow gate.

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ” (1 John 1:9, ESV)*

*“he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, **if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard...**” (Colossians 1:22–23, ESV)*

10. This forgiveness is forever having been **nailed to His cross**.

*“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, **by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.**” (Colossians 2:13–14, ESV)*