

Redeemed by Jesus Christ – April 10, 2024

Redeemed. “To gain or regain possession of (something) in exchange for payment”

Coupon: we give ... we receive. Christianity... what does it mean?

Tonight: understand redemption ... why we need it... it gives peace.

First – we don't redeem ourselves w/ God. God redeemed us thru Jesus.

Redeemed is part of **salvation** but there's more ... belief. Not free... **payment**.

Eph. 2:8-9 – “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.”

From what are we saved? Ourselves. Our nature. Our heritage: sin.

Since Adam & Eve – sin is in all of us. There are **2 facts about sin**:

1 - But your iniquities have **separated** you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.” – **Isaiah 59:2**

- That's why Jesus felt He was alone on the cross.

2 – “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” – **Romans 6:23**

- The destiny of every person is death . . . unless something happens.

What happens to change the course of our lives? Not end in death? **Redemption**.

To be reinstated . . . restored to favor. . . Redemption: to atone for our faults.

Problem is . . . we atone, but screw up again.

What's for sure – we can't be perfect, holy, & righteous 24/7. **Need Jesus.**

1 John 2:2 – Jesus “Himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”

Hebrews 9 explains – priest would enter the Most Holy Place of the temple. . . there he would offer a blood sacrifice **once a year**, for his sins & all the people's sins.

B/c we keep sinning, this had to continue happening. **Annual Atonement.**

But this did nothing for the conscience... guilt... **Jesus does.**

- Jesus is our High Priest. He was a 1-time, all sufficient sacrifice.

o His blood makes us righteous before God. Clean. **Guilt free!**

Eph. 3:12 – “Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.”

Why blood?

Heb. 9:22 – “according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.”

- Blood is necessary for life.

-- blood circulates thru our bodies, carries toxins to liver & kidneys to be removed,
--- blood goes to our lungs: we exhale carbon dioxide & rid our body of that poison
Blood cleanses our body from toxins.

Jesus' blood washes us "white as snow." Cleanses us from toxins of life - sin.

Sin is toxic to our spirit & mind. Lying. Hate. Pride. Jealousy. Covet.

If we don't get rid of sin, it will eat us up . . . and we will die.

Jesus took our sin on Himself . . . so we could have eternal life.

Jesus redeemed us b/c He atoned for us . . . b/c we are loved.

We are restored to a close relationship w/ God. No longer separate.

Jesus took our punishment. He was **cursed** for us. . . so we can be **blessed**.

Gal. 3:13-14 – ³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." ¹⁴He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit."

Redemption is God's forgiveness. Salvation is our accepting it. Belief + Actions.

Knowing/understanding Redemption gives us **3 things**:

1 – We can live in God's grace . . . restored to blessings, relationship w/God.

2 – Knowing we're Redeemed means we have power to fight sin/temptation.

3 – Understanding we're Redeemed means Peace for the end of this life.

Romans 6: - we're joined with Christ Jesus - "And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. ⁵Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. ⁶We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that **sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.** ⁷For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. ⁸**And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him.** ⁹We are **sure** of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. ¹⁰When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. ¹¹So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus."

Song of the week – "Redeemed" by Big Daddy Weave.

"Stop fighting a fight that's already been won."