

Redemption for All

Definition of the word *redemption*: deliverance, ransom, salvation, liberation, conversion, exchange; the act of being saved from error or evil.

Scripture Reading:

... You redeem my right of **redemption** for your self, for I can not redeem it. / He has sent **redemption** to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name. / O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy and with Him is plenteous **redemption**. / Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads because your **redemption** draws near. / ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the **redemption** that is Christ Jesus. / Not only that, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the **redemption** of our body. / But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God – and righteousness and sanctification and **redemption**. / In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. / In whom we have **redemption** ... / But with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal **redemption** for us. / And for this reason, He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the **redemption** of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Ruth 4:6; Ps 111:9; 130:7; Luke 21:28; Rom 3:23-24; 8:23; 1 Cor 1:30; Eph 1:7; Col 1:14; Heb 9:12, 15

Discipleship Directive:

Redemption: Christ's amazing gift of love through His sacrifice which saves us from the penalty of our wicked ways. This word is linked closely to the word salvation which gives to us a way of escape. In faith, whoever chooses to believe in Christ's redemptive sacrifice, will be saved. A picture of redemption is illustrated to us in the book of Ruth where Boaz claims the right of redemption for Naomi and because of the redemption covenant, takes the hand of Ruth in marriage. He became a kinsman redeemer. Christ was sent on a mission by the Father to be our personal redeemer if we so choose. Redemption work is two-fold: one, it is a gift of salvation that Christ paid for us through His shed blood on the cross of Calvary which came to us by His amazing grace. Secondly, it is connected to sanctification where it is an on-going process as we walk out our journey as a disciple here on earth. Each day the Holy Spirit continues to draw us to a deeper walk in Christ and this where we become more grounded and mature. This redemptive relationship will produce fruit that will bring honour and glory to God. Plus, because of the covenant of redemption, which was made by the shedding of His blood on the cross, we become united with Him. He is daily pouring out His redemptive power on and into our lives, redeeming us from our struggles and trials. Therefore, Paul states to the Colossian church this eternal truth, "... *we have **redemption** through His blood, the forgiveness of sins (Col 1:14).*" Yes, redemption is for all who will call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dedication Prayer:

Dear Lord,

I want to thank you for the redemptive work that You did on the cross for me. You knew that the world's only hope must come through salvation, which You brought by the sheading of your blood. By Your coming to this world You opened the door to redemption, which You so freely gave it to

me by Your unfailing sacrificial love and grace. Lord, I stand in wonder how each day You show to me areas that you desire to redeemed me from, so that I can enter into a deeper personal relationship with You. I pray that You will continue each day to send forth the Holy Spirit to teach me and encourage me, so that I may understand in a deeper way how broad your redemption and power is for those who will trust in faith in You. I thank You for this wonderful gift of redemption which you paid for and so freely give to me.

Your servant,

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