

WEEK TWO DEVOTIONAL*Title: The Highest Title in the Land*

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Introduction

When we think about the highest titles in the land, we often imagine national leaders—those in positions of great power, prestige, and notoriety. These titles may carry significant weight in the world. In God's view, there is a title that a person can hold that is far greater and more precious than any earthly position.

That title is...The Redeemed of Christ.

This week, we're going to unpack the beauty and significance of carrying the title of The Redeemed. We will also explore the far-reaching invitation of God's redemptive plan to all people, including our nation's leaders.

Objectives

1. Understand what it means to be redeemed.
2. Embrace the truth that God's redemption is for all people, including those in positions of authority.
3. Reflect on the power of Christ's redemption in your personal life and extend those benefits of as blessings to your leaders.

Key Scriptures**Psalms 107:1–2 (ESV)**

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.

Psalms 103:1–5 (ESV)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Ephesians 1:7-8 (ESV)

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

John 3:16-17 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Key Word: Redemption

In the New Testament, **redemption** generally refers to the concept of releasing someone from chains, slavery, or imprisonment through the payment of a ransom. In its spiritual sense, redemption means being freed from the slavery of works and the power of sin with the price of our freedom paid by the life of Jesus Christ.

As believers, our greatest identity and authority come from this redemptive work. Through Christ's sacrifice, we have been bought, set free, and restored to God's original purpose for our lives. This redemption not only frees us from the power sin can have in our lives but also gives us a new identity as sons and daughters of God. This new status as the redeemed opens us up to a myriad of blessings—emotional and physical healing, restoration, peace, and joy—that flow from being in right relationship with God. The cost of our redemption was high. Jesus laid down His own life as a ransom for our freedom—making this freedom all the more precious.

In Scripture, we see the concept of redemption presented in a variety of ways:

- A description of God's generous and powerful act in **Ephesians 1:7**.
- The benefits of redemption listed in **Psalms 103:1-5**.
- The joyous declaration of The Redeemed in **Psalms 107:2**.
- An open invitation of redemption to all people in **John 3:16**.

These passages paint a glorious picture of God's redemptive plan that we now enjoy. God's redemption was planned in love by the Father, perfectly executed by His son and our Lord Jesus Christ, eternally freeing us from the power of sin, granting us sonship and a myriad of benefits, and is an open invitation for all people (no matter who they are or what mistakes they have made).

This means that even the leaders of our nations, who carry great responsibility and influence, are invited to hold the same title we already gratefully bear: **The Redeemed!**

Reflection: Let The Redeemed Say So!

1. Think about the benefits you've experienced since receiving your salvation in Jesus Christ. How has being redeemed changed your life? Have you experienced physical and emotional healing, a sense of purpose, peace of mind, or reconciliation in your relationships? It could be all of these things and more. Take some time to reflect on them and thank God for the richness of His redemptive work in your life.
2. Now write down 7 benefits of God's redemption in your life. You will use this list in this week's activation.

Tip: If you feel like you can't come up with 7 benefits, use the key Scriptures in this devotional to build your list.

Activation: Bless Your Leaders with Benefits

1. Use your list of 7 benefits to bless your nation's leaders. Ask God to bring these same benefits to their lives. Pray for an encounter with God's love that would change their hearts and lives forever.
2. As you bless your leaders, imagine them one day standing before the world, making the powerful declaration from Psalm 107:2. Imagine them with great joy and peace, acknowledging that they, too, carry the highest title in the land: The Redeemed!

Don't Forget

God has called us to be vessels of His love and grace, and through our redemption, we have the power to intercede for others—especially our leaders—that they, too, would encounter the power of God's redemptive love.

You, History Maker, are called to rejoice in God's love, and also to partner with God to bring that same redemptive opportunity to others. You can do this in just one-minute a day, every day this week. You got this!

Closing Prayer

Father, thank you for the priceless gift of redemption through Jesus Christ. I am grateful for the healing, peace, and freedom I've received through your love. Today, I pray for my leaders of all levels that they too would encounter the power of your redemptive love. I bless them with the benefits of redemption, and I pray that they would one day boldly declare, "I am The Redeemed of God and I am blessed to say so!"

In Jesus' name, Amen!