

REDEMPTION

1. Redemption is:

- a. A financial transaction that releases a person, place, or thing from debt so that the person, place, or thing may fulfill its ideal purpose.
- b. It is a financial transaction between a redeemer and a creditor for the redeemed. The full redemption price must be paid.
- c. It always involves a debtor, a creditor, a redeemer, and a redemption price.

2. At the Fall, humanity and planet earth were enslaved to sin, death, and the curse.

- a. Satan replaced man as the ruler of the earth.
- b. Humanity and planet earth now needed redemption.

3. Physically, humanity needs redemption from:

- a. Slavery.
 - (1) **2 Samuel 7:23** 23 Who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt?
- b. Childlessness.
 - (1) **Ru 3:9** 9 [Boaz] said, Who are you? And [Ruth] answered, I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.
 - (2) **Ru 3:12-13** 12 Now it is true that I [Boaz] am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I. 13 Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you [Ruth], good. Let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as Yahweh lives, I will redeem you.
 - (3) **Ru 4:14** 14 The women said to Naomi, Blessed be Yahweh, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel!
- c. Trouble.
 - (1) **Ps 107:1-2** 1 Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his loyal love endures forever! 2 Let the redeemed of Yahweh say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.
- d. Oppression brought on by other people.
 - (1) **Ps 119:134** 134 Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

4. Spiritually, humanity needs redemption from:

- a. Pride.
 - (1) "It is pride that made redemption needful; it is from our pride we need above everything to be redeemed. And our insight into the need of redemption will largely depend upon our knowledge of the terrible nature of the power that has entered our being."¹
- b. Lawlessness.
 - (1) **Ti 2:14** 14 [Jesus Messiah] gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness.

¹ A. Murray, *Humility*, Kindle Locations 6224-26.

- c. Slavery to sin.
 - (1) **Jn 8:34-36** 34 Jesus answered them, Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ...36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
 - d. Self-righteousness.
 - (1) **1 Pe 1:18-19** 18 You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Messiah, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.
 - e. The curse of the Mosaic law.
 - (1) **Ga 3:13** 13 Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.
 - (2) **Ga 4:4-5** 4 When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.
 - f. Spiritual (and physical) death.
 - (1) **Ps 49:15** 15 God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.
 - (2) **Ps 103:2-4** 2 Bless Yahweh, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, 3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with loyal love and mercy.
 - (3) **Ps 119:154** 154 Plead my cause and redeem me. Give me life according to your promise!
- 5. The ransom of our life is very costly, so costly, that no other human being can pay it.**
- a. **Ps 49:7-9** 7 Truly no man can ransom another or give to God the price of his life, 8 for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, 9 that he should live on forever and never see the pit.
- 6. God redeems according to the covenants he has cut with humanity and Israel.**
- a. **Ps 111:9** 9 [Yahweh] sent redemption to his people. He has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!
 - b. **Ps 119:154** 154 Plead my cause and redeem me. Give me life according to your promise!
 - c. God's loyal love for us motivates him to redeem us.
 - (1) **Ps 130:7** 7 O Israel, hope in Yahweh! For with Yahweh there is loyal love, and with him is plentiful redemption.
 - d. Israel's physical redemption from Egypt typifies humanity's spiritual redemption from sin and death.
 - (1) **Ne 1:10** 10 [The Jewish people] are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand.
- 7. Jesus came for the very purpose to redeem us. He is our Kinsman-Redeemer.**
- a. **Ga 4:4-5** 4 When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

- b. **Titus 2:14** 14 [Jesus Messiah] 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.
- 8. To reclaim humanity's rule over earth, Jesus had to die as our Kinsman-Redeemer.**
 - a. **Re 5:9** 9 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, language, people, and nation.
 - b. But he is a living Redeemer!
 - (1) **Job 19:25-27** 25 I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. 26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, 27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!
- 9. Only the precious blood of the perfect God-man could redeem humanity from sin, death, and the curse.**
 - a. **1 Co 6:20** 20 You were bought with a price.
 - b. **1 Co 7:23** 23 You were bought with a price.
 - c. **Ti 2:14** 14 [Jesus Messiah] gave himself for us to redeem us.
 - d. **1 Pe 1:18-19** 18 You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Messiah, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.
 - e. There is no redemption outside of Jesus.
 - (1) **Ro 3:23-24** 23 All have sinned, fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Messiah Jesus.
 - (2) **1 Co 1:30** 30 Because of [God] you are in Messiah Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.
- 10. Jesus has purchased us. He owns us, and we belong to him.**
 - a. **Ti 2:14** 14 [Jesus Messiah] 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.
 - b. Unbelievers are potentially redeemed but not actually redeemed. They must personally trust in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Messiah to be actually redeemed.
 - (1) **2 Pe 2:1** 1 There will be false teachers among you who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.
- 11. We have been redeemed for the purpose that we may:**
 - a. Be justified/declared righteous.
 - (1) **Ro 3:23-24** 23 All have sinned, fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Messiah Jesus.
 - b. Be adopted as God's adult children.
 - (1) **Ga 4:4-5** 4 When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

- c. Live in freedom.
 - (1) **Jn 8:34-36** 34 Jesus answered them, Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ...36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
 - (2) **1 Co 7:23** 23 You were bought with a price. Do not become bondservants (δοῦλοι) of men.
- d. Glorify God in our body.
 - (1) **1 Co 6:20** 20 You were bought with a price, so glorify God in your body.
- e. Zealously carry out good works.
 - (1) **Titus 2:14** 14 [Jesus Messiah] 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.

12. We wait eagerly for the redemption of our bodies at Jesus' second coming.

- a. **Ro 8:23** 23 Not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Notes