

The Redemption of Lost Mankind? – 04/18/21

TEXT- Col 1:13-14 *Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

INTRO – The meaning of the word redemption:

(a) "deliverance" from physical torture,
(b) the deliverance of the people of God at the coming of Christ
(c) forgiveness and justification, "redemption" deliverance from the guilt of sins,
"through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus"; Rom 3:24 *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: defined as "the forgiveness of our trespasses," Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*
Col 1:14, "the forgiveness of our sins," indicating both the liberation from the guilt and doom of sin and the introduction into a life of liberty, "newness of life"

(d) the deliverance of the believer from the presence and power of sin, and of his body from bondage to corruption, at the coming of the Lord Jesus,
1 Pe 1:18-20 *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,*

Peter makes three clear statements concerning the death of Christ

- 2:24 declares the *sacrificial* nature of His death;
- 3:18 states the *substitutionary* nature of His death; and
- 1:18-19 presents the *redemptive* nature of His death.

There is a great significance in the names of our Lord. He is our Saviour. At least 3400 years ago the patriarch Job gave a testimony in which he spoke of his Lord as "my Redeemer" **Job 19:25-26** *For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:* What is meant by "redeemer" or "redemption"?

To redeem means: (1) to buy back, to purchase something that has been temporarily forfeited; (2) to set free, to liberate, as setting a slave free from slavery; (3) to deliver from some great danger, as the Children of Israel were delivered from slavery to Pharaoh. When Jesus Christ died upon the cross He redeemed us in this three-fold sense. By the shedding of His blood:

(1) *He bought back that which had been temporarily forfeited, we were sold under sin* Romans 7:14 sold into Satan's bondage 2 Tim. 2:26 **shut up under condemnation** (John 3:18), and **He died to pay the ransom price to free us** (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
(2) *He set us free from slavery and bondage*, for by nature we were slaves of sin and of Satan (John 8:34).
(3) *He delivered us from a very great danger*. By nature we faced death and judgment –our destiny was Hell, but Christ died to deliver us from this.
Peter tells us four things about our redemption.

I. THE PLAN OF OUR REDEMPTION

In 1 Peter 1:20, we are told that redemption was planned by God in eternity. We learn that before Creation He planned our redemption. This means that the redeeming work of the Lord was no afterthought in the mind of God. It was His eternal purpose and plan.

II. THE PURPOSE OF OUR REDEMPTION

What object did God have in view when He planned redemption in eternity and when Christ came to redeem us? His object was to redeem us from eternal death and from Satan's grip; to recover us from the enemy,
To translate us Colossians 1:13 *Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son),*

- To forgive us (Mark 2:10),
- To cleanse us (1 John 1:7),
- To take us to Heaven (John 14:2)

But much more than this, His purpose was to make us holy, Christ-like men and women here and now.

In verse 18 we are told that Jesus died to redeem us "from" — what? From the old, empty, worthless behaviour of our unregenerate life — **Ephesians 2:2-3**. We have been redeemed in order that we might be holy — **1 Co 6:19-20** *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

If Christ died for this, is His purpose being fulfilled in us?

Are we being saved from the old, empty life?

Are we glorifying God in our bodies and with our spirits, and are we a purified, zealous people?

III. THE PRICE OF OUR REDEMPTION

If we have been redeemed by the payment of a ransom, what was the payment? **1 Pe 1:19** . . . *with the precious blood of Christ,*”

The expression ‘the blood of Christ’ is a graphic phrase used to convey the fact of the giving of a life wholly in death. No corruptible thing, no works of ours, no prayers, tears or merit could redeem us

Eph 2:8-10 *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

Tit 3:5 *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

2 Co 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

IV. THE PROOF OF OUR REDEMPTION

In verses 20 and 21 Peter gives us a three-fold proof that the work of redemption is complete, accepted by God and sufficient for men:

1. **There is the HISTORICAL proof.** Notice the end of verse 20. Jesus actually came 2000 years ago and He said that He was going to die to redeem us — “to give His life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).
2. **There is the FACTUAL proof.** The Lord Jesus not only came and shed His blood, but He rose again (verse 21). The resurrection of Christ is the best attested fact of history, and the resurrection was the proof that God was satisfied with the price paid for our redemption — look up Philippians 2:6-8; Romans 8:34.
3. **There is the EXPERIMENTAL proof.** Not only did Christ come 2000 years ago and die and then rise again, but we believe and have proved this in our own experience; we are redeemed and we can say with Job “*I know that my Redeemer liveth*”

CONCL - Your soul is your most precious possession. If you lose it, you lose everything. All the wealth and honor this world has to give means nothing in hell. Jesus Christ paid the ransom for your soul and wants to redeem you.