

# Bible Redemption

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Ps 107:2 *Let the redeemed of the LORD say [so], whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;*

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Bible Redemption is a very important doctrine. Many books are written on this very subject, and an entire book does not capture the wholeness of the subject but only gives salient points regarding this great doctrine.

Our whole Christian life hinges upon this subject of redemption. We are called “The Redeemed” in our text, and we certainly are that.

But what does it mean to be redeemed? Today we will study some words in the original Bible languages of Hebrew and Greek to get a more intimate connection with this subject of redemption.

## I. USE OF THE WORD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

### A. GALLAH

1. Le 25:24 *And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land.*
2. This is the first use of the word redemption in the O.T.
3. This Hebrew word literally means “a kinsman,” or “a purchase.”
4. In Leviticus 25 we find the law of redemption taught under the Law of Moses.
  - a. Lev 25:25 *If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away [some] of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.*
    - (1) When a brother has become poor, then a near kin may come and buy that which his brother sold. This would be according to the law of redemption
    - (2) Lev 25:16 *According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for [according] to the number [of the years] of the fruits doth he sell unto thee.*
5. Jesus is our kinsman redeemer. We had all become poor through our sin, and Jesus came to our aid, purchased our possession back from whom we had sold it. We sold it to the Devil in the Garden of Eden, and Jesus bought it back at a great price—the price of his own blood on the tree.

### B. PIDYOME

1. This word means “Ransom.”
2. Ps 49:8 *(For the redemption of their soul [is] precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)*
  - a. This redemption (ransom) is precious.
  - b. The word “precious” is the Hebrew word for “heavy.” Redemption can scarcely, ye a hopelessly, be got by the hands of man, his position or his money.
  - c. “It ceaseth for ever” means that, once redemption has been got, then it is done forever and will never be sought by those who are its beneficiaries.
  - d. We are saved once for all.

### C. MATSA

1. This word means “to find.”
2. Le 25:26 *And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it;*
  - a. If a man who has sold his property find within himself, or of his prosperity and venture in business, that he is able to purchase back his own property from the person to whom he sold the property, he may do so according to the Law of Moses.
  - b. But we cannot find anything within ourselves to ransom ourselves, so we must depend upon a close kin to ransom us from our sins.
  - c. He has found the riches of heaven and has cast the same upon us, his children. He has shed his own blood for our redemption, and we have a purchased possession awaiting us.

## II. USE OF THE WORD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

### A. LUTROS

1. This word means “to loose.”
2. Luke 2:38 *And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.*
  - a. This elderly lady spoke to those who were seeking the redemption of Jerusalem from Roman power.
  - b. But they need not look for a leader among themselves, who had no power to redeem from anything—they needed a different leader, one Jesus.
  - c. Simeon had just said, *Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel* (Luke 2:34)
  - d. This man can loose us from our sin and let us go to Heaven and into the highways and byways to serve him.
3. Heb 9:12 *Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption [for us].*
  - a. His redemption was not a temporal redemption but an eternal one.
  - b. He redeemed us and loosed us from the chains of darkness and brought us into his glorious light.

### B. APOLUTROS

1. This word means “to be loosed away from.” It is “a liberation procured by a payment.”
2. Luke 21:28 *And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*
  - a. The word “rapture” or “caught up” implies a loosing away from the world.
  - b. We shall be brought up away from the world into the very presence of Jesus Christ to be with him forever.
3. Rom 3:24 *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*
  - a. God’s grace redeems us out of our sin, our of darkness, freed from the chains and clutches of the law, bringing us into the glorious liberty of Jesus Christ.

4. 1 Cor 1:30 *But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:*
  - a. This redemption has loosed us out of worldly wisdom and put us into the wisdom of God and Christ.
  - b. Our own wisdom cannot suffice for reconciliation or redemption. It takes the wisdom of God, and we do not have that wisdom unless we have been loosed away from worldly wisdom.
5. Eph 1:7 *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*
  - a. We are “accepted in the beloved” in this chapter because of Christ’s blood.
  - b. We have been loosed out of acceptance of the world and into acceptance with God.
  - c. This is reconciliation and propitiation with God.
6. Eph 1:14 *Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*
  - a. Now we have only the down payment or the security of the purchased possession.
  - b. The word here for “purchased possession” means “to preserve or keep.”
  - c. This means that Christ has already purchased or preserved or reserved a place for us.
  - d. In the Gospel of John, Jesus said that he was going to prepare a place for us—this is the purchased possession.
  - e. He could not have reserved this place without buying it first. The payment was his own body on the tree and his own precious blood.
7. Eph 4:30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*
  - a. This is the “day of redemption.”
  - b. We are sealed until that day
8. Col 1:14 *In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins:*
  - a. Again this is through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of sins.
  - b. What a privilege!
9. Heb 9:15 *And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions [that were] under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*
  - a. To the Hebrews this was good news, that Christ had redeemed (or had loosed away from) the transgressions of the Old Testament.
  - b. These sins are gone—no need to continue to keep the law.

#### C. AGORAZO

1. This word means “marketplace” and implies “to do business in the marketplace.”
2. This is found only in the book of Revelation
3. Rev 5:9 *And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*
  - a. To do business in a marketplace usually means to make a purchase.
  - b. Jesus purchased us unto God by his blood to God..
  - c. We are not our own; we are bought with a price.

4. Rev 14:3 *And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.*
  - a. Again we see that Jesus has purchased us (from the marketplace—the world) and from the earth.
5. Rev 14:4 *These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, [being] the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.*
  - a. We have been redeemed to God
  - b. Redeemed from the earth
  - c. Redeemed from among men
  - d. HALLALUJAH

#### D. EXAGORAZO

1. This word means “to purchase out of”
2. Gal 3:13 *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed [is] every one that hangeth on a tree:*
  - a. As far as I can tell, this is the only place where this word is used.
  - b. Paul is telling the Galatians (and us) that Jesus has redeemed us (purchased us away from) the curse of the law.
  - c. The word “agorazo” means “marketplace,” and many times it refers to a slave market, where slaves were bought and sold.
  - d. Many slaves would be bought, then sold back to the market.
  - e. The idea behind this Greek word is that Christ bought us out and away from the slave market, never to be put on the slave market again for sale.
  - f. In other words, the Lord saves us for good and forever.

### Conclusion

You can know today that you are redeemed by Christ’s precious blood, his death, burial and resurrection, only if you have complete faith and trust in him as your Savior.

We are saved by grace through faith. Can you trust him today? If so, you have been redeemed by his blood, and you have a purchased possession awaiting you in heaven on that great day of redemption.

Run to Christ for refuge. Believe on him today. He will save you forever.