

SUBJECT: FIVE BIG WORDS - WORD #3: REDEMPTION

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:7. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

INTRODUCTION

In this verse, there are five words that are foundational, central and key to the Bible and to the Christian faith.

The five words are *(in the order they are being taught)*:

1. Sin
2. Blood (His Blood)
3. Redemption
4. Forgiveness
5. Grace

We have already seen in the study of our first word, “sin,” that if it had not been for sin, there would have been no need for redemption; His blood; forgiveness or grace. Also, we saw that if it had not been for “His blood,” there would be no redemption and no forgiveness of sins; and, therefore, no reconciliation and fellowship with God.

This study will focus on the third big word, “REDEMPTION.” We will see that the price of redemption was, and still is, the blood of Jesus Christ. It is through His redeeming blood that we obtain the forgiveness of sins.

DEFINITIONS

The basic meaning of the word, “REDEMPTION” is: to release (one taken captive or held in bondage) upon receipt of a ransom; to buy back; to buy out; to purchase or get for one’s self; a price paid.

The one who pays redemption’s price is called the “REDEEMER.”

The one who is purchased by the redeemer becomes the “REDEEMED.”

Each of these words (redemption, redeemer and redeemed) are found in God’s Word.

Redemption

Psalm 49:8, “For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever.”

1 Corinthians 1:30, “For of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.”

Redeemer

Job 19:25, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth."

Psalms 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."

Redeemed

Luke 1:16, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people."

Revelation 5:9, "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worth to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

THE NEED FOR REDEMPTION

The need for redemption occurs when one has been taken captive and is held in bondage. Spiritually speaking, all of mankind was taken into captivity through the sin of Adam. And, all of humanity is naturally born being held in bondage to the devil and to sin.

Captive – To be taken and held as prisoner especially by an enemy in war.

Bondage – A state of being bound; in servitude or subjugation to a controlling person or force.

WE WERE IN BONDAGE AND HELD AS CAPTIVES TO: Sin; Satan; Death; the Law

WE WERE "SERVANTS OF SIN"

Romans 6:16. 20. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

Romans 7:15 – 23. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see

another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

WE WERE CAPTIVES OF SATAN

Psalm 107:1, 2. Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

WE WERE CAPTIVES UNDER THE LAW

Galatians 3:10. For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

WE WERE BOUND BY DEATH AND THE FEAR OF DEATH

Romans 5:12 – 19. Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore, as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Hebrews 2:14, 15. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

REDEMPTION IS BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. When the Israelites were held captive by Pharaoh in Egypt, redemption's price was provided by God, through the blood of the Passover lamb. The lamb was a type of Jesus Christ, the sacrificial Lamb of God.

Exodus 1:8 – 14. Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them

up out of the land. Therefore, they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

Exodus 12 – Redemptions' price: the blood of the lamb.

THE REDEEMER'S REQUIREMENTS

Must be willing and able to pay the required price.

Must be kin ("a kinsman") to the one taken and held captive.

(Clearly illustrated in the book of Ruth, as well as the following scriptures.)

Leviticus 25:47 – 49. And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family: After that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him: Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself.

Galatians 4:1 – 5. Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

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