

Redemption – The Kinsman Redeemer

Redemption - • 1. the action of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil.

synonyms: saving, freeing from sin, absolution
"God's redemption of his people"

- a thing that saves someone from error or evil.

• 2. the action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment, or clearing a debt.

synonyms: retrieval, recovery, reclamation, repossession, return

Greek - apolutrōsis: a release effected by payment of ransom

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Phonetic Spelling: (ap-ol-oo'-tro-sis)

Short Definition: redemption, deliverance

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b. to let one go free on receiving the price: Plato, legg. 11, p. 919a.; Polybius 22, 21, 8; (cf.) Diodorus 13, 24), "a releasing effected by payment of ransom; redemption, deliverance, liberation procured by the payment of a ransom";

Hebrews 9:11-23 **11**But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 12Neither 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]. **13**For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: **14**How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

15And 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. **16**For where a testament [is], there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. **17**For a testament [is] of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. **18**Whereupon neither the first [testament] was dedicated without blood. **19**For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, **20**Saying, This [is] the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. **21**Moreover he sprinkled with blood both

the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. 22And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Luke 21:28 28And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Romans 3:24-26 24Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25Whom God hath set forth [to be] a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26To declare, [I say], at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Romans 8:23 23And not only [they], but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, [to wit], the redemption of our body.

I Cor. 1:26-31 26For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, [are called]: 27But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, [yea], and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Eph. 1:7 7In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Eph. 4:30 30And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

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

Heb. 9:15 15And 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.

Heb. 11:35 35Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

There are three more primary words used for redemption:

1. **AGORADZO** The basic meaning of agoradzo is “to buy”. You and I who believe have been bought unto God from among men by the blood of Christ (Rev. 5:9), bought from the earth from among the fallen sons of Adam (Rev. 14:3-4), and bought with the price of Christ’s blood (1 Cor. 6:19). The church of God has been bought, purchased, with his own blood (Acts 20:28). “Agoradzo” is the word you would use to describe the purchase of a house.

2. **EKAGORADZO** - This is a compound word. “Ek’ means “out of”, and “agoradzo” means “bought”. “Ekagoradzo” means “bought out of.” God’s elect have been bought out of the hands of God’s offended justice by the blood of Christ, which satisfied the justice of God for us (Gal. 3:13; 4:5). If we were talking about redeeming an item from the pawn shop, or buying groceries, or purchasing a car, or any other item that is both purchased and delivered from the possession of one into the possession of another. “Ekagoradzo” has the idea of deliverance by the payment of a price. As it is used in the Word of God, it refers to the deliverance of God’s elect from the hands of his offended justice and the curse of his holy law by the price paid by Christ at Calvary, the price of his precious blood.

3. **LUTROO** - “Lutroo” means “to set free,” or “to loose.” It is the word that would be used to describe the deliverance of a slave, or a prisoner from bondage and captivity by paying a ransom price for him. So Peter tells us that we have been redeemed, not with silver or gold, the usual price of ransom, but with the precious blood of Christ (1 Pet. 1:18). Our Lord Jesus declares that he came into the world to give his life a ransom price for many (Matt. 20:28).

For simple understanding, the **AGORA** was the marketplace in ancient Israel. It was the place you went to purchase things, anything. However, it was also the slave market, a place where one could go to purchase a slave. The term **AGORADZO** carries the concept of going into the slave market and paying the cost demanded. The term **EKAGORADZO** would mean to purchase the slave and to deliver such from the marketplace to a different setting. The term **LUTROO** means that the slave was purchased, delivered out of the marketplace, and then set free.

This brings up another beautiful Biblical concept, that of the **DOULOS - BOND SERVANT**. When a slave had paid his debt in full by services rendered, or if the year of Jubilee (once every 50 years all slaves were freed) were to come, the slave would be set free. However, there were some servants in the master’s household who loved being there, loved their master, and didn’t want to leave. In such cases, the slave/servant would approach the master with a request to remain in the household as a **BOND SERVANT**. If the request were granted, the ear would be pierced with a large piercing hole to signify that the servant was not a servant of debt, but a servant of choice. This is the story of all who have been redeemed by Christ. He delivers the news that the debt has been paid in full and the redeemed are at liberty to go. However, many in the kingdom of Christ go to their Master and say, “I want to serve in your kingdom. I know you have set me free, but I love the household, I love my Master, and I have no other place I’d rather be.” That is what Paul was saying when he began certain Epistles with the statement, “Paul, a servant (bond slave/Doulos) of Jesus Christ.” He was saying, “I am a willing servant. I don’t work for money or reward. I don’t work for recognition or fame. I don’t work out of any

debt I owe. I work and serve out of a willing heart because of my love for my Master, Jesus Christ, who loved me so well that I am compelled and constrained to serve Him with my life.”

Going personal, the desired end of Redemption is the Doulos/Bond Servant. You are free in Christ. Your price of redemption has been paid in full with His blood and death. You are at liberty, free to serve another master if you desire. This will not undo the reality of your redemption. It will, however, stop you from being what you were purchased to become. Some might think it a cruel thing for a mule to work, but the reality is, mules love to work. They are designed for work. Mules wouldn't be happy living in the city eating the food of suburbanites. They love the farm, they love their master, and they love their work. In like manner, we are designed with a new nature (the Divine Nature) that can only be satisfied when doing that which we were created and designed to do. Everything else feels empty.

Analogy. Let's say that Jesus walked up to a pig and transformed the pig into a lamb. Let's also suppose that the lamb still remembers pig things. One day the lamb was walking down the road and saw a bunch of pigs in a pigsty. “Wow,” he says to himself, “that looks fun.” With that, the lamb runs right out in the middle of all those pigs and does a belly dive into the middle of the mud. He rolls around for a minute, but then the stench begins to infiltrate his nostrils. “I don't remember it smelling like this before,” he says to himself. “Baaa, Baaa, Baaa” he says to the pigs. The pigs just look at him like he's a fool. They can't understand what he's saying, and when they grunt, he can't understand what they are saying. “What's that strange language they are speaking,” the lamb thinks. With that, he makes his way out of the mud, but it isn't easy to get out of. His legs are not designed like those of a pig. They are longer and his hooves are bigger and it is a chore to make his way out of the sty. Then he feels the heat of the sun baking the mud into his wool. “This never felt like this before,” he thinks. “It was fun before, but now all this mud is stuck in my wool and I'm miserable.” He sees the pigs all eating the rotting produce that the farmer has thrown over the fence. He thinks, “Wow, I remember how good that tastes,” and he runs over to enjoy some of the swill that he once loved. “This tastes bad, really bad,” he thinks as he tries to spit the swill out. But he can't get it all out and some of it is swallowed. Then his belly begins to hurt. Ohhhh how it hurts. With that, he comes to his senses and makes his way back to the home of his Master where he shouts, “Baaaaa, Baaaaa, Baaaa.” The Master, hearing his bleating, makes His way out to the lamb. He can't help but be somewhat amused at what He sees, but He doesn't say so. He gently leads the sheep around to the still waters of His beautiful lake. There He begins to wash all the mud and stench out of the lamb's wool. Before long, the lamb is spotlessly clean and it feels happy again. Then He rubs the lamb's belly until it feels better and He feeds the lamb some of the green pasture grass. Content and happy, the lamb goes into the confines of the sheep fold and lays down for some much needed rest from its' harrowing experience. Hopefully, he has learned an important lesson.

Does this relate? Have you not, like the lamb, found yourself wallowing in the mire of your former existence, only to find that it doesn't smell the same and feel the same. The reality is, everything about it is the same. The mud is the same, the other pigs are the same, the smell is the same, but you are different. Residing within all of us who have been redeemed are two natures, the nature of Adam and the Nature of God. There are times when we submit ourselves to our former nature, but things just aren't as they once were for us. A new Nature is present and

it doesn't see things, smell things, taste things, or hear things the same. Memories say that we can have fun in the former things, but reality states differently. The sooner we learn this important lesson, the sooner we will find our rightful place in the Kingdom of God.

UNDERSTANDING REDEMPTION

In order to understand Redemption, we must first understand the reason for redemption.

- I. The Condition of the entire human race:
 - A. Man is a Sinner: Genesis 3, Romans 3:10 – 23 This is what we are.
 - B. Man is Unrighteous: Romans 3:10 This is what we are not.
- II. There are Consequences to our choices:
 - A. Death: Eternal Separation from Life/God. Genesis 2:15, Rom. 5:12, Rom. 6:23
 - B. Hell: The Lake of Fire. Rev. 20:11-15 (Literal and Inescapable)
- III. God is Compassionate:
 - A. There was compassion for Adam and Eve and for all their offspring: Genesis 3:15
 - B. There is a compassionate plea to all who will hear: Romans 5:8, Rev. 22:17
- IV. The Call and the Choice:
 - A. Confession: Romans 10:9-13
 - B. Coming: Rev. 22:17
 - C. Calling: Rom. 10:13, Rev. 3:20

The Fall precipitated a dilemma that is beyond man's capability to overcome – Death. This death is Separation from God, but it is not a condition that is inescapable. God made a way for mankind to escape eternal death and become recipients of eternal life. Man has a choice. This is where the story of the Kinsman Redeemer comes in.

God, knowing the condition of man, chose a path to deliverance. It is called the Law of the Kinsman Redeemer (Leviticus 25:47-49 ⁴⁷ *“If a stranger or sojourner with you becomes rich, and your brother beside him becomes poor and sells himself to the stranger or sojourner with you or to a member of the stranger's clan,* ⁴⁸ *then after he is sold he may be redeemed. One of his brothers may redeem him,* ⁴⁹ *or his uncle or his cousin may redeem him, or a close relative from his clan may redeem him. Or if he grows rich he may redeem himself.*). In the law of Moses, God set forth a way of deliverance for a person, in the dilemma of earned servitude, to be set free. It was called the Kinsman Redeemer.

Here's how it worked. When a person found himself indebted to another, with no means to pay the debt he had obtained, he would become the personal property of the person to whom he owed the debt. He would have to serve as a slave in the household until the debt was paid in full, or until the Year of Jubilee (Once every 50 years all slaves were to be set free). There was only one way the person could be set free – A Kinsman Redeemer.

There were 3 conditions for a Kinsman Redeemer. 1) He had to be a near kinsman. A near kinsman would be a member of the direct family (brother, sister, mother, father, son, daughter, cousin, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew). 2) He had to be willing. Just because a person was a kinsman

did not automatically obligate such to pay the debt of another. 3) He had to be of ability to pay the debt owed. One could be a near kinsman with the desire to pay the debt. However, if he/she were incapable of paying the debt, they could not be a redeemer.

Mankind's dilemma was beyond the human capability. All men were indebted to Satan due to the choice of Adam and Eve (Original Sin), but also due to their own actions (Personal Sin). There was no kinsman capable of paying the debt of another because all of Adam's offspring were indebted. None were capable of paying the debt of another. God looked down from heaven for a redeemer amongst the son's of Adam and there were none.

Psalms 59 depicts this story. It is a story of mankind's great depravity (echoed in Romans 3:10 ff.) Read these words and see how two things are clearly highlighted. 1) The story of God's desire to intercede on the behalf of those who call upon Him. 2) The promise of vengeance upon those who won't. In this story, God, the Redeemer who comes to Zion (Jerusalem), the One who becomes the "breastplate of righteousness and the helmet of salvation", satisfies the judgment's demand and carries out judgment's demand in Christ. Psalms 59:15 ff. ¹⁵ Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. ¹⁶ *And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore His arm brought salvation unto Him; and His righteousness, it sustained Him.* ¹⁷ *For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon His head; and He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.* ¹⁸ *According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, fury to His adversaries, recompence to His enemies; to the islands He will repay recompence.* ¹⁹ *So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.* ²⁰ *And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.* ²¹ *As for Me, this is My covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and My words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.*

This posed a great dilemma. God, though willing and able to pay man's debt, was not our kinsman. He was different in every way than we are. He wasn't flesh and bone. He wasn't a son of Adam. He wasn't a kinsman. God, though capable of all things, was incapable of redeeming mankind. He wasn't man and He couldn't die.

Here the story of the Kinsman Redeemer becomes the most amazing story of love ever written. God took off the robe of deity and wrapped Himself in the skin of humanity, for only as a man could He become a Kinsman, and only as a man could He pay the debt required for mankind's redemption – DEATH. And thus He did.

Job 19:25 – 27 shows you the hope that the people of God looked for. Job, in the despair of ravaging disease and pain, made this statement. "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand in the latter day upon the earth. And though worms devour this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God, and not another." There are four amazing statements in this cry. 1) Job knew

that there was a Redeemer, and that He was alive even as Job spoke. 2) Job knew that the Redeemer would one day become flesh and stand upon the earth. 3) Job knew the Redeemer would be God in human flesh. 4) He knew pain and suffering he was enduring and the death he was dying was not the end. He understood the great love that God had, a love that would drive Him from His heavenly throne to walk upon human sod where He would ultimately pay the cost required for man to be set free.

Jesus is God made flesh dwelling among us. Jesus is our Kinsman. As you study the geneology of Jesus Christ, there are some things that might surprise. 1) He was not Jewish only. Quite the contrary. There are several Gentile women mentioned in His family tree. 2) His family tree was littered with sin. Why are these things important? Simply this, He is all of mankind's Redeemer, no matter the heritage, no matter the gender, no matter the background. There is no place where you find yourself that He cannot be your Answer – your Kinsman.

He came to this earth as man, walked the path before Him with no advantage presented or accepted, and went to the cross of Calvary to die a substitutionary death for all of mankind. John 3:16-17, 36 *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world, through Him, might be saved. Whosoever believeth in Him shall not be condemned, but whosoever believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten son of God.”* John 1:12 *“As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the Son's of God, even to them who believe upon His name.”*

Have you received Him? If not, having read this beautiful story of a God who loved you so much that He was willing to come to earth as a man to die on your behalf, would you like to give your heart and life to Him? If so, pray this simple prayer.

God, I understand my condition. I know I am a sinner. I know I am unrighteous. I know I have a debt to pay due to my choices. I am truly sorry for what I've done and want Your help. I understand this great story of Your love for me. I understand that You came to redeem me and that You have paid my debt in full. Today, I acknowledge what you have don and accept Your payment for my debt. I receive you as my Lord and my Savior today. Show me Your ways and teach me Your desire for my life. I want to follow you for the remainder of my life. Thank You LORD for what you've done. For Christ's sake, Amen.

If you did this, I encourage you in your new life.

- 1) Tell someone that you are a Christian.
- 2) Find a good Bible believing, Bible teaching church to attend.
- 3) Be baptized. Baptism is the outward expression of your cleansing.
- 4) Find someone to disciple you one on one and help you in your new life.
- 5) Choose the path of bond servant – a willing servant of Christ.
- 6) Tell everyone about what Jesus has done for you.

Verses to consider:

Gal. 3:13 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:

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

I Cor. 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God with your body.

Gal. 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not be subject again to the yoke of slavery.

I Cor 7:23 You were bought with a price. Do not become slaves of men.

Eph. 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace;

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.

Titus 2:13-14 ¹³ Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

I Peter 1:18-19 ¹⁸ 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:

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;

I Tim. 2:6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

I Cor. 1:27-30 ²⁷ But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; ²⁸ And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: ²⁹ That no flesh should glory in his presence. ³⁰ But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: