

# Redeemed

## *Ephesians 1:7*

**Introduction:** I never tire of singing the song “Redeemed.” It has a nice tempo to it that lifts the spirits of all. The words themselves are also important as we affirm our joy over being redeemed. Our text is right at the heart of being redeemed. Our study this morning will center on the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

### **I. The Meaning Of Redemption.**

- A.** The Greek word (**exagorazo**) “denotes to buy out, especially of purchasing a slave with a view to his freedom” (Vine, p. 945). This deals with the price of redemption.
- B.** Another (**lutroo**) means “to release on receipt of ransom...signifying to release by paying a ransom price” (ibid). This signifies the actual setting at liberty.
- C.** When God was going to release Israel from bondage in Egypt He spoke of them being redeemed (**Ex. 6:6**).
- D.** When a man was allowed to pay for his release from a death sentence he was said to be redeemed (**Ex. 21:30**).
- E.** New Testament usage has a price being paid for our freedom from sin.

### **II. Redeemed From Sin.**

- A.** It is bondage to sin from which we are redeemed.
  - 1.** Like a slave (**Jn. 8:34**).
  - 2.** Captured by the devil (**2 Tim. 2:26**).
- B.** Described as “**aimless conduct**” (**1 Peter 1:18**).
- C.** A place of “**all iniquity**” (**Titus 2:14, KJV**).
- D.** The penalty is death (**Rom. 6:23**).

### **III. The Price Of Redemption.**

- A.** Since the crime is serious (sin against God) and the penalty is severe (death), there must be a tremendous ransom payment.
- B.** The price was Jesus and His blood.
  - 1.** His purpose for coming (**Matt. 20:28**).
  - 2.** Purchase of blood (**Acts 20:28**).
- C.** Price paid once for all (**1 Tim. 2:5-6**).

#### **IV. The Result Of Redemption.**

- A.** Redemption opens up a door of opportunity for other things to follow, such as: forgiveness of sins, reconciliation to God, peace with God, membership in Christ's church, Heaven, etc.
- B.** We become **"His own special people" (1 Peter 2:9).**
  - 1.** KJV has **"peculiar."**
  - 2.** Means an **"acquisition"** (Vine, p. 876). The idea is of being God's possession or acquisition.
  - 3.** Belong to God **(1 Cor. 6:19-20).**
- C.** The redeemed constitute the church **(Col. 1:13-14).**
  - 1.** Notice plural pronouns **"us"** and **"we."**
  - 2.** **"Delivered us from the power of darkness"** is another way of saying **"redeemed from sin."**
  - 3.** Now in **"the kingdom"** or church.
  - 4.** **"In whom we (citizens of the kingdom) have redemption."**
  - 5.** Come about **"through His blood."**
  - 6.** Includes **"the forgiveness of sins."**

**Conclusion:** The gospel is a message of redemption through Jesus Christ. Obedience to His gospel is central to redemption. HBRCB. Why not do it now?