

THE PROMINENT ASPECTS OF THE GLAD TIDINGS

Part 3a: REDEMPTION – RANSOMED FROM SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

September 2018
TGOCM

The death of Jesus Christ was the ransom for Man's deliverance from sin and its consequential judgment against us. Mankind was buried deep in debt to the destructions of sin and sins, with no "self-help" way out. But God's plan from the beginning of time was that Jesus Christ would release us, free us from the miseries and penalties of sin to which we were enslaved. Jesus Christ redeemed us by the costly ransom of his life!

WHAT IS REDEMPTION: In the Greek Scriptures, the root word for the most common word translated into "redemption" is luo, meaning *to loosen, release, break up, dissolve*. Associated in the Greek is lutron, meaning *something to loosen with, that is, a redemption price or ransom*. Putting these two together gives us the base meaning for redemption: *a loosening, releasing, freeing effected by payment or ransom*.

HOW WERE WE REDEEMED?

1. *"They trust in their wealth and boast of their abundant riches. 7 Yet these cannot redeem a person or pay his ransom to God-- 8 since the price of redeeming him is too costly, one should forever stop trying--"* (Ps 49:6-8 HCSB)
2. *"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom (the redemption payment) for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. 7 For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth."* (1Ti 2:5-7 ESV)
3. *"knowing that ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers; 19 but with precious (valuable, costly; as in high in price) blood, as of a lamb without spot, even the blood of Christ: 20 who (which) was foreknown indeed before the foundation of the world, but was manifested at the end of times for your sake,"* (1Pe 1:18-20 ASV)

"REDEEMED FROM" RECORDED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

1. *"the angel who has redeemed me from all evil,"* (Ge 48:16a ESV)
2. *"Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm (great strength) and with great acts of judgment."* (Ex 6:6 ESV)
3. *"And the king swore, saying, 'As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my soul out of every adversity,'" (1Ki 1:29 ESV)*
4. *"But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol (the grave), for he will receive me. Selah"* (Ps 49:15 ESV)
5. *"From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight."* (Ps 72:14 ESV)
6. *"who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,"* (Ps 103:4 ESV)
7. *"So he saved them from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy."* (Ps 106:10 ESV) Through Christ, from what enemy has God redeemed us?
8. *"And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities."* (Ps 130:8 ESV)
9. *"and redeemed us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever;"* (Ps 136:24)
10. *"I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.""* (Jer 15:21 ESV)

11. ***“For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.”*** (Jer 31:11 ESV) 1 John 4:4 says, ***“Greater is he who is in you than he who is in the world.”***
12. ***“Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol (the grave)? Shall I redeem them from Death? O Death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your sting? Compassion is hidden from my eyes.”*** (Ho 13:14 ESV)

SIN’S JUST PUNISHMENTS:

1. ***“so that the people of Israel do not come near the tent of meeting, lest they bear sin and die.”*** (Nu 18:22 ESV)
2. ***“As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment (iniquity) of the city.””*** (Ge 19:15 ESV)
3. ***“And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, seeing that you, our God, have punished us less than our iniquities deserved and have given us such a remnant as this,”*** (Ezr 9:13 ESV)
4. ***“6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.””*** (Ex 34:6-7 ESV)
5. ***“The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty.”*** (Na 1:3a ESV)
6. ***“They shall therefore keep my charge, lest they bear sin for it and die thereby when they profane it: I am the LORD who sanctifies them.”*** (Le 22:9 ESV)
7. ***“14 ¶ “But if you will not listen to me and will not do all these commandments, 15 if you spurn my statutes, and if your soul abhors my rules, so that you will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant, 16 then I will do this to you: I will visit you with panic, with wasting disease and fever that consume the eyes and make the heart ache. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. 17 I will set my face against you, and you shall be struck down before your enemies. Those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee when none pursues you. 18 And if in spite of this you will not listen to me, then I will discipline you again sevenfold for your sins, 19 and I will break the pride of your power, and I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze. 20 And your strength shall be spent in vain, for your land shall not yield its increase, and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit. 21 “Then if you walk contrary to me and will not listen to me, I will continue striking you, sevenfold for your sins. 22 And I will let loose the wild beasts against you, which shall bereave you of your children and destroy your livestock and make you few in number, so that your roads shall be deserted. 23 “And if by this discipline you are not turned to me but walk contrary to me, 24 then I also will walk contrary to you, and I myself will strike you sevenfold for your sins. 25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall execute vengeance for the covenant. And if you gather within your cities, I will send pestilence among you, and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. 26 When I break your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in a single oven and shall dole out your bread again by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied. 27 “But if in spite of this you will not listen to me, but walk contrary to me, 28 then I will walk contrary to you in fury, and I myself will discipline you sevenfold for your sins. 29 You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters. 30 And I will destroy your high places and cut down your incense altars and cast your dead bodies upon the dead bodies of your idols, and my soul will abhor you. 31 And I will lay your cities waste and will make your sanctuaries desolate, and I will not smell your pleasing aromas. 32 And I myself will devastate the land, so that your enemies who settle in it shall be appalled at it. 33 And I will scatter you among the nations, and I will unsheathe the sword after you, and your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste.”*** (Le 26:14-33 ESV) See Gal. 3:13, where Christ redeemed us from all these.

8. See also Deut. 28:15-68

REGARDING ALL THESE CURSES: We earned them! We deserved them... Every punishment of every sin!

“For if the message spoken through angels was legally binding, and every transgression and disobedience received a just punishment,” (Heb 2:2 HCSB)

NO WAY OUT!

1. *“But your iniquities have been separating Between you and your God, And your sins have hidden The Presence from you (God’s face) — from hearing.”* (Isa 59:2 YLT)
2. *“For mine iniquities are gone over my head: As a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.”* (Ps 38:4 ASV)
3. *“If any one sins, doing any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, though he does not know it, yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity.”* (Le 5:17 RSV)
4. *“But if ye do not do so, behold, ye have sinned against Jehovah, and be sure your sin will find you out.”* (Nu 32:23 Darby)

WHY GOD REDEEMS HIS PEOPLE:

1. *“In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have mercy on you,” says the LORD, your Redeemer.”* (Isa 54:8) To redeem is to have mercy.
2. *“In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.”* (Isa 63:9 ESV)
3. *“But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”* (Isa 43:1 ESV)

JESUS CHRIST REDEEMED US FROM ALL INIQUITY/SINS:

1. *“who gave himself (Jesus Christ) for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify to himself a people to be his own, zealous in good works.”* (Tit 2:14 Noyes)
2. *“In him (Jesus Christ) we are having redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,”* (Eph 1:7)
3. *“in whom (Jesus Christ) we are having redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”* (Col 1:14)

“Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble” (Ps 107:2 ESV) Say so!

Jesus Christ is our redeemer. He ransomed his life to completely deliver us from everything which sin has caused. YOU, as a redeemed one have been released from every physical, mental, emotional and spiritual lack, every aspect of unwholeness and unsoundness. Invest the time you need to filter every lack through the filter of redemption until you see that deliverance. Our Lord died for this purpose.

“...we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.” (2Co 6:1b ESV)

FOLLOW UP READING AND STUDY:

Isaiah 53

“Jesus Christ our Mercy Seat” audio series on tgocm.org website

Deuteronomy 28:15-68