

# THE PROMINENT ASPECTS OF THE GLAD TIDINGS

## Part 3b: REDEMPTION – UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

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Adam is the head of the physical human race. Due to Adam's disobedience, the curses of sin were passed to his progeny (Mankind). We were enslaved to sin and its destructive consequences as if we were sold at the slave market to an evil master. But God redeemed us! He paid the highest price, the life of his Son, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, to purchase us back to himself. We are now God's property, protected and provided for by our new master.

WHAT IS REDEMPTION: The most common word translated into our English Bibles as *redemption* means *to release effected by payment or ransom*. God's plan of redeeming Mankind has always been to release us from the bondages of sin by the ransom of his Son, Jesus Christ. That ransom price satisfied the claims of God's justice against all sins and their consequential destructions.

*“who (the man Christ Jesus) gave himself as a ransom for all,”* (1Ti 2:6a ESV)

*“And He is Himself the atoning sacrifice for our sins; and not for ours alone, but also for the whole world.”* (1Jo 2:2 Williams)

Our redemption is eternal; it is forever:

*“nor by blood of goats and calves, but by his (Jesus Christ's) own blood, has entered in once for all into the holy of holies, having obtained an eternal redemption.”* (Heb 9:12)

Another word in Greek is translated “redeem,” exagorazo. It is a verb which means *to purchase/buy from (the power or possession of another)*. Its root word, agorazo, means *to purchase, or buy*. It is different from the most common word in Greek which is translated as “redemption” (apolutrosis) in that it refers to the purchase price and ownership aspect rather than the deliverance or release of the thing purchased. Exagorazo is used only 4x in the New Testament, two of which are in Galatians:

*“Christ redeemed (paid the price to purchase) us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree:”* (Ga 3:13)

*“but when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 that he might redeem (pay the price to purchase) them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”* (Ga 4:4-5 ASV)

This same word, exagorazo, communicates that we are under new ownership, the ownership of God because we have been purchased:

*“You are not your own, 20 for you were bought (purchased) with a price. So, glorify God in your body.”* (1Co 6:19b-20 ESV)

God's ownership of our lives is addressed using an allegory in Romans 6 of slaves in service to their masters: