

Lesson 29
Rejoicing in Redemption

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:13-14

"Again, the glory of one attribute is more seen in one work than in another: in some things there is more of His goodness, in other things more of His wisdom is seen, and in others more of His power. But in the work of redemption all His perfections and excellencies shine forth in their greatest glory." - Thomas Boston

"By Christ's purchasing redemption, two things are intended: his satisfaction and his merit; the one pays our debt, and so satisfies; the other procures our title, and so merits. The satisfaction of Christ is to free us from misery; the merit of Christ is to purchase happiness for us."
- Jonathan Edwards

"A Christian is one who recognizes Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, as God manifested in the flesh, loving us and dying for our redemption; and who is so affected by a sense of the love of this incarnate God as to be constrained to make the will of Christ the rule of his obedience, and the glory of Christ the great end for which He lives." - Charles Hodge

"I thought I could have leaped from earth to heaven at one spring when I first saw my sins drowned in the Redeemer's blood." - Charles Spurgeon

In Lesson 28, we saw the reality of man's alienation from God because of sin. We saw that God's mercy, grace, and forgiveness lead to our reconciliation to Him. Through the work of Christ on the cross, God has made a way for us to be united to Him, praise the Lord!

1. Now, as we continue to go and grow deeper in our understanding and delight in what God has done through Christ, look up these verses about who God is and explain what they describe, or better yet how they define God: Job 19:25; Ps 19:14; Isa 44:6; 47:4; Jer 50:34

Read Isa 59:20. Who is this verse referring to or speaking about?

Read Gal 4:4-5 and explain how redemption is the work of both God and Christ.

Does the Holy Spirit have any part in a believer's redemption? (Eph 4:30; 1 Pet 1:2) If so, in what way?

2. Look up Lev 25:47-55. How does this passage begin to help you understand the basic meaning behind redemption?

3. How does the story of Ruth better help you to begin to understand the basic ideas behind redemption (Ruth 4:1-12)?

4. Now, try to explain redemption in a basic and non-theological sense by looking up and defining the word redemption and considering what is always involved when the reality of redemption is being used.

Then read the following verses and consider how the New Testament explains the reality of redemption in and through Christ: Mt 20:28; Mk 10:45; Acts 20:28; 1 Cor 6:20; 7:23; Eph 1:7; Col 1:14; 1 Tim 2:6; 1 Pet 1:18-19; Rev 5:9; 14:3-4

What are some very specific results of the believer's redemption? (Gal 3:13; 4:4-5; Rom 6:18, 22-23; 8:23; Mt 26:28; Eph 1:7; Col 1:14; Titus 2:14; Heb 9:15)

According to the famous C.S. Lewis story, is it biblical, as Lewis depicts, that God paid a ransom price to Satan? Explain why or why not from Scripture. (Hint remember what you have already learned about "reconciliation" and even what we learned about the "mercy seat" what happened there. See Ex 25; Lev 16; Rom 3; Ps 49:7; 1 Tim 2:5-6)

Since we face a fierce foe in Satan (Eph 6:12; 1Jn 5:19; Eph 2:2; 2 Cor 4:4; Mt 12:29; 1 Pet 5:8), how did/does redemption in Christ affect Satan and his minions (Jn 12:31; 16:11; 1 Jn 3:8; Col 2:13-15; Heb 2:14-15; Acts 2:24; Rev 1:17-18)?

Examine Yourself

~ How does your redemption propel you to bear the fruit of godliness even during seasons of drought?

~ Can you list out any specific ways in which having been redeemed from darkness to light has now changed the way you live? (Look and see if your life correlates to Paul's prayer in Col 1:9-12)

~ Tell your wife and teach your kids or those you live with specially how being a redeemed child of God both empowers and encourages you to live a God honoring life of holiness!

Memory Verse: Col 1:13-14