

# “We Are: The Redeemed”

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## Scripture

### Isaiah 62:11-12

“Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth. Say to the daughter of Zion, “**Lo, your salvation comes**; Behold His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.”

And they will call them, “The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD”; And you will be called, “Sought out, a city not forsaken.”

## Paying a Bill for You or Buying You a Meal?

### Redemption

Coupons

Rescue

Paid in Full

### The Intention to Redeem

### Ephesians 1:3-7

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as **He chose us in Him** before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

### The Consequences of Our Sin

### Romans 3:23

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

### Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death”

### Sin Separates Us from God

## Isaiah 59:1-8

“Behold, the LORD'S hand is not so short That it cannot save; Nor is His ear so dull That it cannot hear.

But **your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God**, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; **Your lips have spoken falsehood, Your tongue mutters wickedness.**

No one sues righteously and no one pleads honestly. They trust in confusion and speak lies; They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity. They hatch adders' eggs and weave the spider's web; He who eats of their eggs dies, and from that which is crushed a snake breaks forth. Their webs will not become clothing, Nor will they cover themselves with their works; Their works are works of iniquity, And an act of violence is in their hands. **Their feet run to evil, and they hasten to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity**, Devastation and destruction are in their highways.

**They do not know the way of peace**, and there is no justice in their tracks; They have made their paths crooked. Whoever treads on them does not know peace.”

**No peace in their life because they are separated from God.** They're always anxious; feeling doomed and they say say, “God is against me” and “Woe is me”. Unless they repent, **they will always be separated from God.**

## Micah 3:4

“They will cry out to the LORD, but **He will not answer them**. Instead, He will hide His face from them at that time because they have practiced evil deeds.”

God only hears **one prayer** from a sinner-> They repent of their evil ways and say:

**“Lord, please save me”...**

## The Act of Redemption

But there is an answer to living in despair...

There is a way to find peace...

## Titus 2:11-14

**“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men**, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of **our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed**, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.”

Jesus gave Himself to redeem us

**Redeem** -> *lutróo* -> “to pay a ransom for” or **“to restore something back to its rightful owner”**

## Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us.”

## Galatians 1:3-4

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, **who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age**, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.”

**Christ’s sacrifice allowed Him to become the Mediator – Our Great High Priest who intercedes for us!**

## Hebrews 9:11-12

“But **when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come**, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, **but through His own blood**, He entered the holy place once for all, **having obtained eternal redemption.**”

Our redemption is an eternal one -> once for all -> not a continual process.

Crucifix -> Jesus is no longer on the cross.

## Hebrews 9:15

“For this reason, He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, **since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant**, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.”

Jesus’s sacrifice for us provided the payment due to satisfy the wrath of Father God for our sin.

**We were enemies and sinners, but now can be reconciled to God**

## Romans 5:8-10

“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were yet sinners**, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. **For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son**, much more, **having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.**”

## 1 Corinthians 1:30

“But **by His doing you are in Christ Jesus**, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption”

**On the cross, Jesus said “It is Finished!”**

That Greek word is *Tetelestai* meaning “Paid in Full”

## There was a Price to be Paid

### 1 Peter 1:17-21

“Conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; **knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold** from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, **but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.**”

For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”

### Jesus is the Only Way

#### John 14:6

“I am the Way, Truth, and the Life”

**He is the only One** who paid the price:

**Confucius** didn't pay the price!  
**Mohammed** didn't pay the price!  
**Buddha** didn't pay the price!  
**The Virgin Mary** didn't pay the price!  
**You** cannot pay your own price.

**Jesus** paid the price!

### Bill Gates at the Judgment Seat?

**Why Can't I Pay My Own Price?** -> Because it is a Gift to be Received

### Romans 3:24-26

“Being justified as **a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus**; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, **so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**”

The Father needed to be just, that is, sin must be punished with death. Jesus paid that debt with His life therefore He can be the justifier of those who have faith in Jesus.

### Thankfulness for Being Redeemed

#### Psalms 107:1

“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

## Psalm 107:2-9

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary and gathered from the lands, from the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.**

They wandered in the wilderness in a desert region; They did not find a way to an inhabited city. They were hungry and thirsty; Their soul fainted within them. Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He delivered them out of their distresses. He led them also by a straight way, to go to an inhabited city.

**Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men! For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good."**

We should be **proud** to be part of the Redeemed and **Speak** about it with Thankfulness

## Colossians 1:10-13

**"Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He rescued 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."**

We should **walk** in a manner **worthy** of the Redeemed and be Thankful

## The Call to Return and Be Redeemed

### Psalm 130:1-8

**"Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?"**

**But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.**

**I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait, And in His word do I hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than the watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD;**

**For with the LORD there is lovingkindness, And with Him is abundant redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities."**

There is **hope** for those in darkness and in the depths of despair...

There is **forgiveness** available to you...

There is **lovingkindness** waiting for you...

There is **peace** when you come to Jesus in faith...

**Our redemption is complete. Israel's redemption is coming...**

## Isaiah 44:21-24

“Remember these things, O Jacob, and **Israel, for you are My servant; I have formed you, you are My servant, O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me.** “I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a heavy mist.”

**Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.**” Shout for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done it! Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth; Break forth into a shout of joy, you mountains. O forest, and every tree in it; **For the LORD has redeemed Jacob and in Israel He shows forth His glory.**

24Thus says the LORD, **your Redeemer**, and the one who formed you from the womb, “I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth all alone”

The Jews will eventually see Him coming on the Clouds

## Luke 21:27-28

“They will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, **because your redemption is drawing near**”

## Acts 3:19-21

“**Therefore, repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come** from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.”

Israel must repent and willingly return to God

If you are not in Christ, you need to repent, also...

## A Call to Praise

Job 19:25 -> “I Know My Redeemer Lives”

## 1 Peter 1:3-5

“**Praise be to the God** and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! **In his great mercy he has given us new birth** into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.”

## Prayer

## Benediction