

# A God Who Cares – Redemption

The redemptive act spans the whole of man's history from the time of his first sin and fall from grace.

"God ... wishes all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth" (1 Tm 2.4). Within this statement in 1 Timothy we see a God who cares.

The very act of redemption is a demonstration that God loves humanity.

## What is redemption

The word redemption in it's most basic form means to ransom or purchase out of bondage or obligation. It is a term used of the slave trade to describe the purchase of a slave's freedom.

Let me go back to clarify some basic terms that are important if we really want to see the imagery of an ugly reality describing a beautiful truth.

**Justification** is the action of showing something to be right or reasonable.

**Salvation** is the state of being saved or protected from harm or a dire situation.

**Sin** is an immoral act considered to be a transgression against divine law/against God.

Colossians 1:13-14

## God Pays the Ransom

Redemption implies a payment or ransom. An obligation is satisfied. Christ's sacrifice on the cross is this payment. Humanity suffered under the slavery of Sin because of their sins and transgressions. Enslaved humanity has no power to free themselves. Humanity cannot pay the price or satisfy the debt that keeps them under sin's rule. God, therefore, offered Christ as the sacrifice to pay the ransom.

## Freed for a New Life of Service

The apostle Paul states that we have been redeemed for a new life of service to God. We have not been freed to sin. Rather, we have been freed from the slavery of sin in order to live a new life.

## Titus 2:11-12

Elsewhere, Paul writes to the Corinthians, calling them to turn from their immorality for, "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So, glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

God's salvation is wonderful and amazing. It is a real freedom. We are freed from the enslaving power of sin. The Bible uses imagery from a brutal reality to help us understand a beautiful truth.

The theme of redemption can be found throughout the entire storyline of the Bible.

- From Genesis 3, where God makes the promise that a seed will come to destroy the serpent (Gen 3:15),
- then God takes an animal, slays it, and covers Adam and Eve in animal skin (Gen 3:21),
- through to the sacrificial laws in Leviticus,
- all the way to Jesus in the Gospels

These themes are richly integrated into the Bible's entire narrative. They show in all aspects how God demonstrates his great love toward us.

## Final Scriptures:

Ephesians 1:7

Galatians 1:4

Galatians 2:20

Hebrews 9:15

Isaiah 44:22

## Resources:

<https://www.encyclopedia.com/religion/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/redemption-theology>

<https://scribblingtheology.blog/2021/07/09/propitiation-and-redemption-in-the-book-of-romans/>

Link for [Definition of Sin](#)