

## **Doctrinal Studies**

### **Redemption**

One of the most important doctrines of the faith is the subject of the purchase of man from the slave market of sin. Nothing is more important than for a man without Jesus Christ as Saviour to realize his need and accept the freedom, which Christ gives in Salvation.

#### I. Etymology (True meaning of the word Redeem)

##### 1. ἀντίλυτρον – I Tim. 2:6; Matt. 20:28

We have here a preposition plus a noun, which means "*on behalf of*", "*in place of*" and "*payment*". This means substituting money (payment) for the freedom of a slave from slavery. The money, or the payment, is called the '*coin*', '*purchase price*' or the '*ransom money*'. The blood of Christ is the "*coin*", "*ransom money*" or "*purchase price*" of redemption (Eph. 1:7).

Col. 1:14; I Pet. 1:18-19

##### 2. ἀπολύτρωσις – another word used, meaning "*deliverance from*" or "*buying back a captive slave*". Making free, by payment of a ransom (Eph. 1:7).

##### 3. λύτρον – (noun) means price of release, a payment with a ransom.

##### 4. λύτρῶω – (verb) means to release from the slave market, on the payment of redemption money. To be free by having a ransom paid.

##### 5. λύτρωσις – (noun) means deliverance, freedom, legal, commercial, releasing, ransoming.

##### 6. λυτρωτής – (noun) means a redeemer, the one who pays for the freedom (Acts 7:35).

##### 7. ἀγοράζω – to buy or purchase (I Cor. 7:30).

##### 8. ἐξαγοράζω – to purchase the freedom of a slave from the slave market, purchasing freedom (Gal. 3:13).

#### II. Redemption is the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross directed toward sin. For this redemption plan to be complete, there is the work of Christ toward:

- God....PROPITIATION – The Father satisfied
- Man....RECONCILIATION – Man reconcilable
- Sin.....REDEMPTION – Sin no longer an issue

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### **Redemption (Continued)**

- III. Mankind is born spiritually dead with an Old Sinful Nature. Man is born into the slave market in depravity and can be the recipient of the ransom, paid in full by Jesus Christ. For a person inside the slave market to be set free, there must be someone outside to make that freedom possible. Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, without a sinful nature, spiritually alive, is the only one capable of making possible that freedom for mankind.
- IV. The only qualified redeemer is God's Son, Jesus. Jesus Christ did not have the imputation of Adam's sin. Being born of a virgin, conceived of the Holy Spirit, living a sinless life, dying a vicarious death, rising bodily from the grave, ascending to the Father's right hand and being accepted totally by the first person of the Godhead, JESUS CHRIST was and is the ONLY ONE qualified to SAVE MANKIND! There is only ONE WAY of SALVATION, Jesus Christ (John 3:16; John 14:6; Acts 16:31). Christ was willing to redeem mankind. He chose to die – willingly!
- Romans 5:19 – *"For as through one man's disobedience, many were constituted SINNERS, so also through the obedience of one, (Christ) many shall be constituted RIGHTEOUS."* See also Philippians 2:8.
- V. Redemption is taught in the Old Testament by means of animal sacrifices (Lev. 16: 11, 15; Heb. 9:22; Ex. 24:5-8).
- VI. The *soul* is redeemed in salvation – *not the body* (Ps. 34:22; Job 19:25-27).
- VII. Results of REDEMPTION:
1. Forgiveness of sin – Isa. 44:22; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14
  2. Deliverance from curse of the law – Gal. 3:12, 4:4-6
  3. Justification – Rom. 3:24-25; Rom. 3:27-31; Rom. 4:1-5
  4. Sanctification – Eph. 5:25-27
  5. Eternal Inheritance – Heb. 9:15
  6. Redemption of soul leads to redemption of body in the resurrection (Eph. 1:14) and ultimate sanctification (Rom. 8:23).
  7. Redemption is related to *Mediator-ship* – I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 9:14-15; Rom. 8:11; Rom. 8:23