
REDEMPTION DEFINED

Redemption means bought and released, describing the act of buying a slave from the market in order to give him freedom.

Redemption refers to the Lord Jesus Christ paying the awful price required by our sin. Jesus Christ came into the slave market of this fallen world and paid the full price to redeem men by His blood and death.

Jesus not only paid the purchase price, He completely removed the believing sinner from the position of condemnation and from Satan's dominion. We are purchased, brought out, and released to a life of spiritual freedom in Christ.

A LOOK AT RELIGION

Exodus 30:11-15

This is God-ordained religion. The Israelite's were to give to God. In return, God blessed them.

Any system of religion can provide temporary, earthly blessings in this life. Adhering to religious principles of right and wrong can make your life better on this earth.

But religion can't help you after you die.

RELIGION COMPARED TO REDEMPTION

1 Peter 1:18-21

New Testament: Man only has to believe to be redeemed.

Old Testament: Man must give to God. God takes from man.

New Testament: God gives to man. Man takes from God.

Old Testament: Man's offering to God can't help in regards to eternal things.

New Testament: God's offer of redemption to man provides eternal salvation.

WHAT IS: "VAIN CONVERSATION RECEIVED BY TRADITION FROM YOUR FATHERS?" (1 Peter 1:18)

God established and ordained many things for Christians to observe and do. When man takes those things and changes their purpose, they become vain.

- Baptism: God ordained it, but not as a means of salvation.
 - The teaching of baptismal regeneration is a vain thing!
- Sacrificial giving: God ordained it, but it won't get you to Heaven.
- Assembling together in the church: ordained by God, but won't save.

ISAIAH 50:1-3

God is not to blame if a person ends up separated from him in eternity. God didn't leave man. Man separates himself by his own iniquity.

- Adam: Hid from God when God searched for him. (Genesis 3:8)
 - Noah: God would have saved more than 8 people, but no one else would get on the ark. (Genesis 6)
 - Lot: Only 3 people were saved from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. God had to drag them out. (Genesis 19:16)
 - People today see bad things happening and blame God, but they won't turn to God so they can receive help.
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GALATIANS 3:13	<p>Jesus Christ revealed the long, outstretched arm of God’s redemption when He came to this earth to die on the cross for man. God is able—where man is not. God can—where religion cannot. “Not redeemed with corruptible things.”</p>
GALATIANS 4:1-5	<p>Without Jesus Christ, we are “in bondage to the elements of the world.”</p> <p>We are slave children who belong to the world, the flesh, and the devil.</p> <p>Nothing we do on our own will change that status; you can’t redeem yourself.</p> <p>Jesus Christ had to be willing to redeem us with his own blood.</p> <p>We must receive Jesus Christ and trust in what He did in our behalf.</p>
1 PETER 1:18-21	<p>If Jesus had only died for us, Christianity would be no better than any other religion.</p> <p>God “Raised Him up from the dead!” (verse 21). Jesus didn’t stay dead! He LIVES! It’s not religion; it’s LIFE!</p> <p>Now it is possible for you to be adopted by God—if you’re willing.</p>
ROMANS 3:20-24	<p>The Law reveals to you that you can’t do right. It gives “the knowledge of sin.”</p> <p>The righteousness of God “without the law” is given to man “by faith of Jesus Christ” unto “all who believe.” God—gives—to man.</p> <p>Religion is man—giving—to God for temporary blessings on earth.</p> <p>Redemption through Christ is God—giving—to man—His righteousness and eternal life.</p>
EPHESIANS 1:7-8	<p>God is so wise and prudent that nobody is excluded from the offer of salvation. (Rich, poor, strong, weak, young, old, literate, illiterate, of any tongue in the world, etc.)</p>
2 CORINTHIANS 3	<p>There is a certain glory to be found in the Law. It can clean you up on the outside so people can see a difference. But this is called “the ministration of death.” You need something that can clean you up on the INSIDE; the “ministration of the Spirit,” which is the “glory that excelleth.”</p>
HEBREWS 9	<p>Religion can only clean you up on the outside, purifying the flesh.</p> <p>Redemption, paid for by the blood of Christ is ETERNAL, purifying the CONSCIENCE (that’s inside).</p>
REVELATION 5:1-10	<p>A future view of the Lamb slain... to redeem us to God...by His blood.</p>