REVELATION: Lesson 129

Chapter 14:1-5, Redeemed from Among Men

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Revelation

- **4:1-2** The New Testament Church will be caught up to heaven to the throne of God.
- 5:9 The New Testament Church sings a new song about being **redeemed** by the blood of Jesus Christ.
- **14:1-5** The Tribulation witnesses are found in heaven with the Lamb. They sing a new song roundabout the throne of God. They are said to have been **redeemed** from the Earth from among men.

Redeem: to buy back, to purchase.

The only way for anyone in any dispensation to get to Heaven is through Jesus Christ (John 14:6).

- The Bible states that everyone on earth who ends up in heaven gets there by being redeemed.
- A price was paid to enable us to stand righteous before holy God, against whom we have all sinned.
 - That payment must be applied to your life before you die (John 8:24).
 - If your sin is not paid for before you die, you'll pay for it yourself forever in hellfire (Mt 25:46, Jn 3:36, 2 Thess 1:9).

"Redeem" In the Bible

- **Exodus 6:6 (First Mention)** God redeems those who are trapped in a hopeless situation with no human remedy possible.
- **Psalm 49:1-9** It is impossible for any man to redeem another man. God is not interested in our money. Money cannot pay for our sin.
- **1 Cor 6:9-11** The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. We were unrighteous, but then we were washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. What was done to make all of that possible?
 - Verse 20, verse 23, we were **bought** with a **price**.
 - This price could not have been paid by a man (Psalm 49:7).
- **1 Pet 1:18-20** The price was not silver or gold (vs 18) (corruptible). If you have received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you were **redeemed** "with the precious blood of Christ" (vs 19).
 - Jesus Christ's blood was shed for us on the cross on Mount Calvary to **pay** the price for our sin. No other payment is acceptable (Isaiah 64:6, Ezekiel 33:13, Titus 3:5).
 - The only way you can have hope in God (vs 21) is to believe that the blood of God's Son, Jesus Christ, is the payment for your sin.

Eph 1:12-14 It is not enough to simply **hear** the word of truth concerning salvation (vs 12) and gain that newfound knowledge. Knowledge doesn't save you. Once you KNOW about Jesus Christ, then you must **trust** Him and **believe** that He died to pay for your sin (vs 13). When you do that, you become His purchased possession (vs 14), safe and secure forever.

Titus 2:11-14 Jesus Christ gave **himself** for **us**, that He might **redeem** us from all iniquity.

- Jesus didn't give us religion so we could redeem ourselves. He gave **Himself** on the cross.
- Jesus didn't give himself for good or a select group of people. He appeared to all men (vs 12) and gave himself for us (all men) so He could **redeem** all men (vs 14).
- God said He would redeem His people "with a stretched out arm" (Exodus 6:6). Jesus did that with His arms stretched out on the cross.
- His shed blood on the cross paid for **all** iniquity (vs 14).

Heb 9:11-12 The payment that Jesus made to redeem us is good for eternity. It will never expire. He obtained **eternal redemption** for us (vs 12).

Job 19:25-27 Job was not agnostic. He said, "For I KNOW that my redeemer liveth, I KNOW He's coming back to this earth, I KNOW God will raise up my dead body one day."

Ag·nos"tic, *n*. One who professes ignorance, or denies that we have any knowledge, save of phenomena; one who supports agnosticism, neither affirming nor denying the existence of a personal Deity, a future life, etc.

Dog·mat"ic (dŏg·măt"ĭk), Asserting a thing positively and authoritatively; positive; magisterial; hence, arrogantly authoritative; overbearing.

"Whom I shall see for myself" (vs 27). I've never seen Him, but I know I will (1 Pet 1:8).

Have you trusted the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, or are you still trusting yourself? There is only one Redeemer. He paid for your soul's salvation with His own precious blood. No other payment or sacrifice can do the job. Trust Jesus Christ today.