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Redemption Pt 1 God's redemption of His people

Today we begin a new study on the word redemption in the scriptures. We establish a meaning of redemption from the scriptures, and three points (i) There is a cost to redemption- physical and spiritual, (ii) Christ's death enabled redemption for those under the OT and under grace, and (iii) Eternal redemption

1) There is a cost to redemption- physical and spiritual

The body of Christ

Christ gave Himself as payment, the price of our spiritual redemption of our souls

"For there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ

Jesus; [6] Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time"

(1 Tim.2:5, 6).

2. Christ's death enabled the redemption for those under the OT & NT

A) For Israel

By Christ's death those that died (having the hope of internal inheritance) under the first testament were redeemed for their transgressions -

"And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance" (Heb.9: 15).

B) For the church

God has made Christ Jesus unto us redemption

"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Cor.1: 30).

3. Eternal redemption

A) Israel

There is no eternal redemption except in Christ

B) The body of Christ

Christ has obtained eternal redemption for us by His blood

"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb.9: 12).

Illustration

There are many TV shows and movies based around the abduction of children and their parents pain, anguish and terror to get them back. They are prepared to pay whatever they have. They are prepared to buy back, pay a ransom demand for their children. Their love for their children is shown, proved by their willingness to pay the ransom.

Question of the scriptures

What is the "redemption of the purchased possession" (Eph.1: 14)?

Answer from the scriptures

The earnest of our inheritance is the Holy Spirit (verse 13) that seals believers until the "day of redemption" (Eph.4: 30) "to wit, the redemption of our body" (Rom.8: 23).

Let us never forget the price that God paid for us to receive eternal life! And let us live our lives, let our lives be transformed by God's redemption in Christ. Our sin debt has been paid in full! Let us rejoice, and walk worthy of His redemption!