

"Redeemed and Forgiven"

Colossians 1:13-14

¹³ For He (God the Father) rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

¹⁴ in whom (JESUS CHRIST) we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Notice the theological progression in these verses. In verse 12 *constantly giving thanks to the Father* then in verse 13 **He referring to God the Father. But starting in verse 14 movement to Second Member of the Godhead, Jesus the Christ.**

- 1 verse 14 in whom we have Redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- 2 verse 15 image of the invisible God.
- 3 verse 15 the firstborn of all creation.
- 4 verse 16 by Him all things were created: through Him and for Him.
- 5 verse 17 He is before all things.
- 6 verse 17 in Him all things hold together.
- 7 verse 18 He is the head of the body, the church.

8 verse 18 He will come to have first place in everything.

9 verse 19 All the fullness to dwell in Him.

This is a glorious list of **Christology**

Verse 14 **by means of whom we have:**

Present Active Indicative of the verb meaning to have and to hold—we have this for all eternity

Redemption Greek word means

to **redeem,**

to **liberate,**

so here this word means

DELIVERANCE on the basis of **paying a ransom.**

It means to **buy a slave or captive,**

to **purchase the freedom of slaves.**

Redemption

Why Jesus?

The doctrine of Redemption

is another answer to that question.

The Bible is so fascinating – nothing like this in the Quran etc.

I. Definition and Description.

1. In the **Doctrine of Soteriology, Salvation**; there are three key words: **redemption, reconciliation**, and **propitiation**. The phrase "**the blood of Christ**" applies to all three doctrines.
 - a **Redemption is toward sin**. There are three theological words that actually describe this concept: redemption, expiation, and unlimited atonement. These always deal with **sin** as a problem in our relationship with God.
 - b **Reconciliation is always directed toward mankind**.
Man is reconciled to God by the death of His Son.
 - c **Propitiation is directed toward God**, meaning that the Justice and Perfect Righteousness (+R) of God the Father is satisfied with the work of Christ on the cross.

2. SO REDEMPTION EMPHASIZES THE FACT THAT WE ARE SINNERS, not only by choice-personal decision to sin, but long before that we were sinners at the point of birth. For we had to be condemned before we could be saved.

- a When human life was imputed to each one of us at the point of physical birth, it was necessary that God also impute to our flesh nature Adam's original sin. Adam's original sin is the origin of our sin nature in our flesh [**Inherited Sin Nature (ISN)**]-] which we each possess in the cell structure throughout our body.
- b When Adam's original sin is imputed to us at birth, it is a demonstration of the fantastic grace and wisdom of God. For while when we were born physically alive, we were born spiritually dead and under **Total-Depravity** at the same time, under condemnation from God.

Condemnation must precede salvation.

Here is the Grace of God

- 3. Redemption is viewed from the standpoint of a **ransom** paid on the cross for our salvation.
- 4. Redemption starts with viewing mankind as born into a slave market of sin through the imputation of AOS (Adam's Original Sin) at birth.
- 5. REDEMPTION IS THE SAVING WORK OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS BY WHICH HE PURCHASES OUR FREEDOM OR SALVATION.

6. The cost for this purchase is called the "**blood of Christ,**" or the Spiritual death of JESUS CHRIST.

Ephesians 1:7

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

Colossians 1:14

¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

7. Understanding of our bondage or slavery to sin is a central principle of the Gospel and of Redemption:

Gospel of John 8:31-36

³¹ So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine;

³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever.

³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Verse 33 Jews claimed they were not in bondage, slavery but in truth they were in bondage in 4 ways:

- (1) To the Roman Empire
- (2) To Religion
- (3) Law
- (4) Sin

Verse 34 ***you are born into the slave market of sin*** and a slave cannot free a slave.

II. Etymology

1. Compound: **apo** from + **lutron** to redeem from; the word means **to let go free for a ransom**; the recalling of captives (sinners) from captivity (sin), through the payment of a ransom—(JESUS CHRIST's death). Sin is the slavery. Sinners – slaves and JESUS CHRIST the Redeemer and His death the ransom.
2. Ransom or paid price for redeeming captives – loosing them from their bonds and setting them at liberty
Matthew 20:28

²⁸ **just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."**

The Greek word translated **for** is Greek **anti**—*instead of* the *many* Same word is used in

Mark 10:45 **"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for or instead many."**

3. There are several other words that are part of the domain of Redemption:
 - a To pay a ransom, what is interesting about this word is that it is **not used of the one who pays the ransom, but of him who receives the ransom**—to release on receipt

of a ransom. To release upon the payment of a ransom.
To redeem or ransom.

Titus 2:14

¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

1 Peter 1:18-19

¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.

- b To release upon receipt of a ransom, the act of freeing or releasing. In New Testament the emphasis is never on the **person releasing-JESUS CHRIST** but on the **person delivered** –sinners

Luke 1:68 Zacharias

⁶⁸ “Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,

Luke 2:38 Anna.

³⁸ At that very moment she came up and *began* giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

- c Ransom price of redemption 1 Timothy 2:6 **who gave Himself as a ransom for all**, this time we have preposition **huper a ransom on behalf of all-- the testimony borne at the proper time.**

- d *The redeemer; deliverer; one who pays for the freedom.*

In Acts 7:35

³⁵ “This Moses whom they disowned, saying, ‘WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND A JUDGE?’ is the one whom God sent *to be* both a ruler and a deliverer with the help of the angel who appeared to him in the thorn bush.’

it refers to Moses as the redeemer of Israel.

e To buy; to purchase in the market. (**agora** = slave marketplace) To buy for one's self by a price freely paid
Romans 7:14

¹⁴ For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.

1 Corinthians 6:20

²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

where believers are bought for a high price. The consequence for of something or someone having been bought is that the buyer has the right of possession. Therefore in the redemptive work of JESUS CHRIST, Christ by offering Himself for us as due satisfaction freed us from our liability in paying it ourselves, which we could never do.

1 Corinthians 7:23

²³ You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.

2 Peter 2:1

¹ But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

f to buy; to buy out of the market; to redeem.

Galatians 3:13

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"—

Galatians 4:6

⁶ Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

III. All Mankind Are In Need Of Redemption

1 We are all slaves sold under sin

Romans 7:14

14 **For we know that the Law is spiritual; but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. (helplessly condemned to die) for all have sinned...wages of sin is death**

2 Same price for all members of the human race To redeem from sin called for death. A substitute however may take the sinners place, since he is unable to pay, for he is dead.

Hebrews 9:27-28

²⁷ And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment,

²⁸ so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without *reference to sin*, to those who eagerly await Him.

3 Very important: No Return, Redeemer will not sell a slave he has purchased. When JESUS CHRIST redeems us we can never return to our former slavery. Here is Eternal Security. Again, it is amazing how many things the grace of God has done to save, to redeem, that people think you can lose your Salvation. That you can undo what God has done—blasphemy.
Gospel of John 10:28 **and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.** Once JESUS CHRIST redeems – He does not send that one back into slavery! Blasphemy toward JESUS CHRIST –Redeemer

4 Freedom: The redeemed are loosed from bondage, not even bound as slaves to the Redeemer—He will not own a slave, He will not have a servant who is not there by choice –they are set free.

Gospel of John 8:36

³⁶ **"If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."**

(to die) for all have sinned...wages of sin is death

Galatians 5:1 and 13

¹ It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

However the slave might become a willing bondservant

1 Corinthians 9:18-19

¹⁸ What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹ For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;

¹⁵ and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

IV. JESUS CHRIST Is The Only One Qualified Redeemer.

Why JESUS CHRIST?

In order to become our redeemer, **CHRIST** had to become a member of the human race.

HE COULD NOT SAVE US AS GOD BECAUSE WHOEVER IS THE REDEEMER MUST BE

JUDGED FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD AND AS WE GO THROUGH THIS YOU WILL SEE THE GOSPEL.

A. We Are Born Into The Slave Market Of Sin At Birth.

1. Adam's original sin is the origin of the sin nature in human race, Romans 5:12.
2. The imputation of Adam's sin at birth is the basis for spiritual death.

Romans 5:12

¹² ***For as by one man sin entered into world and death by sin. so death passed upon all men. for all have sinned.***

Romans 6:23

²³ ***The wages of sin is death (spiritual death).***

This verse is based upon the context of Romans 5:12ff. The wages of sin are not your personal sins, but Adam's original sin imputed to you at birth.

3. No one is condemned on the basis of his personal sins.
4. All our personal sins were held until our LORD JESUS CHRIST reached the cross in a state of impeccability. They were imputed to His humanity, not His Deity. For Deity can have nothing to do with sin, cannot sponsor sin, cannot tempt to sin; Deity cannot sin, nor can deity die for sin. The

thought is unthinkable and blasphemous.

So it was at the cross when all personal sins, from Adam's original sin to the last sin committed in the Millennium were imputed to Christ and judged.

5. This was why our Lord said in Psalm 22, "***I am a worm:***" The type of worm mentioned was that type which was collected, put into a bowl, and crushed the blood of these worms was used to make the crimson dye for the robes of kings in the ancient world.

So, because our sins were imputed to Christ on the cross, we can believe in Him and receive the robe of **Divine Righteousness** at the moment of SALVATION.

6. While personal sins are not the basis of condemnation, personal sins are one of three manifestations of our possession of an old sin nature. The other two manifestations are human good and evil.
7. So we are born simultaneously **physically alive** and **spiritually dead**. All the cells of our bodies are contaminated by the sin nature.
(Cancer is a good illustration)

B. To Qualify As Our Redeemer, The Redeemer Must Meet Two Requirements:

- a. He must be a pure member of human race.
 - b. He must be sinless so he is qualified to bear the judgment of members of human race. Our Lord's Virgin Birth Began His Qualification as Our Redeemer.
- 1 Since it is only the male that carries and can pass on the sin nature and not the female, this means that if a woman could have a virgin pregnancy- that is- if she could be fertilized apart from male copulation~ the progeny could be born into the world without the sin nature. And being born without a sin nature~ Adam's original sin could not be imputed to that person.
 - 2 This was the case in the birth of the humanity of Christ, originating from Mary's virgin pregnancy and JESUS CHRIST virgin birth. Being born without an sin nature meant there was no imputation of Adam's original sin to our Lord.
 - 3 This was how our Lord was born as the Last Adam.
The First Adam was created perfect;
The Last Adam, JESUS CHRIST ~ was born perfect.
 - 4 Mary, with her own sin nature, was still a virgin when she became pregnant for the first time with our Lord.
In Matthew 13:55

⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

and Mark 6:3

³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him.

Mary's other children are mentioned~ so we know she eventually copulated with Joseph. She had at least two daughters and four sons, at least six children by Joseph. So there is no such thing as the perpetual virginity of Mary.

- 5 Mary's virgin pregnancy was caused by **God the Holy Spirit** fertilizing her.

He provided 23 perfect chromosomes to fertilize her 23 perfect chromosomes which were uncontaminated by the sin nature.

In this way, Mary had a virgin pregnancy~ the origin of our Lord's humanity into the world. So the virgin pregnancy resulted in the virgin birth~ thus excluding the sin nature from the humanity of Christ.

Qualifying Him to be the Redeemer of all mankind. Why Jesus?

- 6 Remember that while Mary was a virgin, she was not perfect or impeccable. Only the virgin-born Son, Jesus, was absolutely perfect at birth.
- 7 When God the Father imputed human life to His human

soul, there was no genetically-formed sin nature. again, qualifying Him to be the Redeemer of all fallen mankind.

- 8 So the virgin birth is the basis for redemption~ because it provided the world with a perfect human being~ the only One qualified to be judged for the sins of the world.

C. The Contrast Between Our Birth And Our Lord's Birth.

- 1 Human life is, in each case, created by God and imputed to each person at birth. 'There is no life in the womb. There is only life when God imputes it to the human soul.
- 2 Simultaneously, Adam's original sin is imputed to the flesh nature Genetically. Remember that our personal sins are never imputed to us. They were all collected and poured out on JESUS CHRIST while on the cross, so that He could redeem us from our sins.
- 3 At the birth of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, God the Father created human life and imputed it to His human soul. But because our Lord was born without a sin nature, there could be no imputation of Adam's original sin. So our Lord was born physically alive and spiritually alive.

- 4 Instead of an sin nature, our Lord was born with a human spirit~ born as Adam was created. So in His humanity, our Lord was born filled with the Holy Spirit. He was born trichotomous with a body, soul and spirit.

You have to make up your mind:

Is Christ sufficient for all your needs?

Or do you have to have other things or something else?

**This book is about the Sufficiency of JESUS CHRIST:
to God the Father;
and to you?**

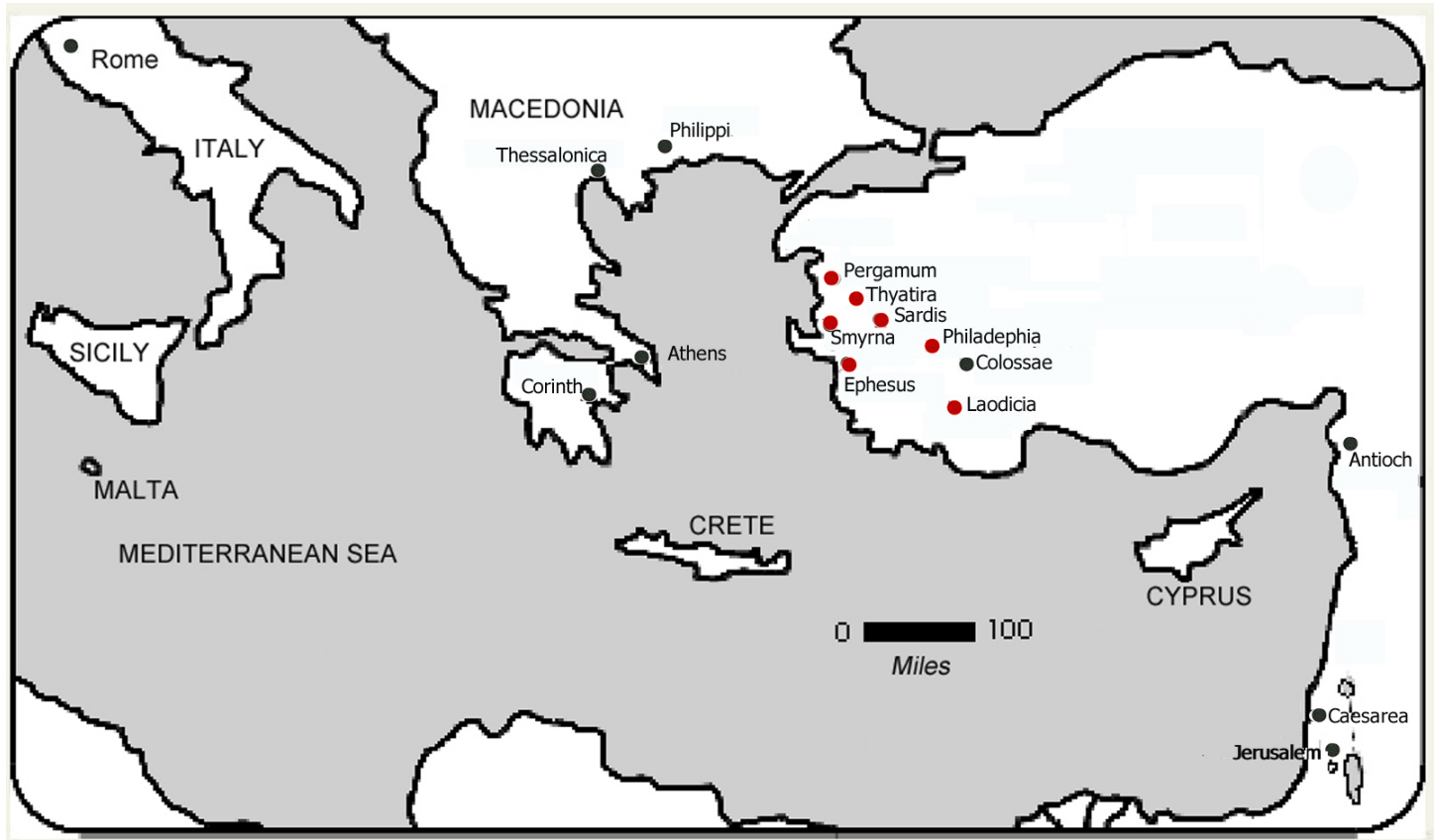
Is the Word of God sufficient for you?

Sufficient to bring you to JESUS CHRIST?

Sufficient to bring you to God the Father?

Is the World of God sufficient for **SAD** (*Stress, Anxiety, Depression*) in your life or do you need outside help?

So we learn so much from the true understanding of the Gospel.



*Only one life,' twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.*