

REDEMPTION MECHANICS

HOW REDEMPTION WORKS IN SALVATION

*"In whom we have redemption through his blood,
even the forgiveness of sins"*

~ Colossians 1:14

1. Salvation vs. Redemption

- a. Salvation is simple to receive (faith), but its depth teaches the wisdom & grace of God
- b. 'Salvation' is the whole package, 'redemption' is one part. (*Car vs. transmission*)
- c. What is redemption? How does it work? (*gears, clutch, driveshaft, differential, axles*)
- d. Redemption at the heart of salvation (*often used/confused as a catch-all term*)

2. The Function of Redemption

- a. Atonement/forgiveness deal with the punishment problem of sin (moral, guilt, wrath)
- b. Sin also creates a relationship problem – breaks our relationship with God, good, glory.
- c. A location problem – "I am lost" "off track" "in a bad place" "in trouble", alone, distant
- d. A freedom problem – "I'm stuck" "trapped", "in debt", bound, captive, enslaved
- e. A power problem – "I can't get out" "I'm out of control" "I'm dead", cursed
- f. A possession problem – "I'm not myself" "evil world" "sold under sin" Rom 7:14
- g. There is the penalty of sin (punishment) then there is the power of sin (control, bound)
- h. Redemption ~*def.* Repurchase, deliverance, liberation of captive things; to make free.
 - i. Recover possession, rescue, ransom, reclaim, regain, restore.

3. Redemption from ...

- a. I will redeem thee from death - Hos 13:14 – solution: resurrection life!
- b. Sin is the chain, death is sentence – Psa 33:18-22, Isa 52:3
- c. From death to life – John 5:24 -
- d. Redeem from troubles/evil – Ps 25:20-22, Isa 51:11, Gal 1:4 – solution: glory
- e. We are made free from the law of sin and death – 1 Pet 1:18-19, Rom 7:6, 8:2
- f. Spirit of bondage – Rom 8:15, 8:21

4. Redemption Mechanics

- a. Redemption must be done right (it is not a stealing away, injustice, selfish, partial)
- b. Redemption is a work to be done (God in Christ) – Isa 50:2
- c. Requires atonement and forgiveness – to remove the sentence, brake the chain
 - i. (Laws of redemption of land sold by one who is poor - Lev 25:25)
- d. Redeemer must be relation Gal 4:3-5, 4:9, 5:1, be able to redeem, willing to redeem.
- e. Redeemer must be strong/powerful - Jer 31:10-11, 50:33-4, Rom 1:16
- f. Sin is bound in the heart – Jer 17:1, Rom 6:17
- g. Sin makes you captive to death - Rom 6:16-18, 23
- h. The resurrection of Christ is powerful to deliver - Isa 25:8, Acts 2:24, Heb 2:14-15
- i. He gave himself to redeem us - Titus 2:14
- j. You are delivered by Christ (God in flesh) who died and rose from the dead to redeem.