

## Living as Redeemed Chosen People

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Exodus 13:1-2; 11-16

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### Biblical Doctrines in Exodus

- Election - God chose to rescue His people
- Substitutionary Atonement - Salvation by lamb offered in people's place
- Propitiation - God turned aside His wrath when He saw blood of lamb
- Communion of Saints - shared Passover of God's people remembering
- Sanctification - God calls His people to search out sin (yeast)
- Doctrine of Redemption - God redeems us so we live holy lives for His glory. NT idea: Eph 1:7; Col 1:13-14

### Claiming the firstborn

- All firstborn of Israel - Exodus 13:1-2
- Already claimed firstborn of Egypt Ex 13:14-15
- firstborn = representative of family, inheritance rights

### Principle of Substitution

- Egypt disobeyed: God by attacking sons - Ex 1:15-16
- Three categories of firstborn God claims:
  - firstborn clean animals - offered as sacrifice
  - firstborn donkeys - redeemed w/ lamb or break its neck
  - firstborn sons - redeemed or dedicated
    - dedicated - 1 Sam 1:11 Hannah & Samuel
    - redeemed - Num 18:15-16; Jesus Lk 2:21-23

Apply: Note firstborn sons seem to be treated as firstborn donkeys which were unclean. We are all unclean and need redemption & reminder we are God's.

### Why so much Remembering?

- Passover & Feast of Unleavened Bread to help God's people remember
- Ritual of Redemption - reminder that children don't really belong to us
- Infant Baptism (dedication) - parent hands child to church representative acknowledging their dependence upon God for their child's salvation. Child handed back teaches that children are entrusted by God to parents.
- Clear purpose of Redemption to teach: Exodus 13:14-16

Apply: These rituals reminded God's people their life had a purpose!

## New Covenant Application

- We are redeemed: Tit 2:14
  - Redemption price was costly Rom 8:32 precious blood of Christ
  - Christ redeemed us - 1 Pet 1:18-19
  - Heidelberg Catechism Q#1 What is your only comfort in life & death?
    - A. That I am not my own, but belong—
      - body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
      - He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
      - and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
      - He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
- Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

### Think & Discuss:

- Review the verses listed in the outline concerned being redeemed by Christ. What others can you think of? What are the implications?
- Take time to examine your life. Do you live with an 'attitude of remembrance' in all areas of your life?
  - Time - what does your use of time show as your priority?
  - Money - do you tithe of your firstfruits as a way of acknowledging that you are not your own? Would you willingly let others see your finances? Why or why not?
  - Entertainment - What does your entertainment choices say about who owns you? What if Jesus watched/participated with you?
  - Family - what does your approach to family say about your understanding of redemption? What is the goal you see for your children? How should that affect relationships?