We Have Been Redeemed!

"In whom we have redemption through His blood the forgiveness of sins…" ***Ephesians 1:7-10***

What Does Redemption Mean?

To rescue, recover, ransom, release, deliver, liberate, pay the price, pay someone's penalty
Four words in Greek express this concept in the Bible. It refers to the ancient Roman and Greek marketplace where slaves, shackled were put on a platform to be auctioned off. They were redeemed in the marketplace.

<59> agorzo = marketplace, to buy back, redeem back to God
<1805> exogoraszo = to buy back, to recover, rescue,
<3085> lutrosis = redemption, redeem, pay the price for, pay the penalty due
<3084 & 3083> lutroo = release, ransom, liberate, deliver,

(ie) Flight 90 in 1982

Who is Our Redeemer?

Adam and Eve – Sin, taken captive, condemned, but God provided a Savior
Abraham/Isaac – God provided a Lamb
Passover – *"When I see the blood, I will Passover you."*
Job 19:38 "I know that my Redeemer lives."

(ie) Titanic hero

From What Are We Redeemed?

We have not been redeemed from sickness and poverty.
We have been redeemed, Past, Present, and Future.

(ie) Edmund CS Lewis Lion Witch and Wardrobe

1. From the hand of the enemy. – Psa. 107:2, Eph. 2:1-4, Col 1:13
2. From all iniquity – Gen 43:16, Ps 103:4 1 Peter 1:18, Titus 2:14
3. From the law of sin & death. – Ezek. 18:4, Rom. 3:23, Rom. 6:23
4. From the power of the grave. – Ps. 49:15, Hosea 13:14, Hebrews 2:15
5. From this present evil world. – Galatians 1:4, Rev. 5:9, Rev 14:3

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing blood? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are your garments spotless, are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Have You Been Redeemed?

"He came unto his own and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become the children of God, even to them who believe on his name." **(John 1:12)**

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through His blood the forgiveness of sins…"

Ephesians 1:7-10
In Him we have <u>redemption</u> through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of **His grace** which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He set forth in Him, regarding His plan of the fullness of the times, to bring all things together in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

Galatians 3:12-14
Christ <u>redeemed</u> 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" —in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Galatians 4:4-7
But when the fullness of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that **He might <u>redeem</u> those who were under the Law,** that we might receive the adoption as sons and daughters. Because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba! Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

Colossians 1:13-14
For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom **we have <u>redemption,</u> the forgiveness of sins**.

1 Peter 1:18-19
For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that **<u>you were redeemed</u>** from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Sermon Outline

1. From the hand of the enemy.

Psalm 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy;
Ephesians 2:1-4 And you *has he quickened (redeemed,made alive)*, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 **But God**, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, **has quickened us** *(redeemed us)* together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Colossians 1:13-14 Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath **translated** *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom **we have redemption through his blood**, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

2. From all iniquity.

Genesis 48:16 The Angel which redeemed me **from all evil**, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.
Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might **redeem us from all iniquity**, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
Psalm 103:4 Who forgives **all thine iniquities**; who heals all your diseases; **Who redeems your life from destruction**; who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

1 Peter 1:18 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

3. From the law of sin and death.

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath **redeemed** us from the curse of the law, **being made a curse for us**: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangs on a tree:
Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and **come short** of the glory of God."
Romans 6:23 "For **the wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ…"

4. From the power of the grave.

Ps 49:15 But God will redeem my soul from the **power of the grave**: for he shall receive me. Selah.
Hosea 13:14 I will ransom them from the **power of the grave**; I will redeem them from death:
Hebrews 2:14 Through death he destroyed him that had the **power of death**, that is the devil, to free those who all their lifetime were subject to bondage.

5. From this present evil age.

Gal. 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might **deliver us from this present evil world**, according to the will of God and our Father:
Rev. 5:9-10 And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for you were slain, and **have redeemed us to God** by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And has made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.
Rev. 14:3 And they sang as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no

man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, **who were redeemed from the earth.**

Titanic Hero – Rev. John Harper

John Harper, a British Pastor, on his way to preach at the Moody Church in Chicago, lost his life on the R.M.S. Titanic. He literally spent his last hours preaching the gospel, pleading with men and women to get right with God through Jesus Christ!

Witnesses say that Harper especially quoted from Acts 16:31, *"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."*

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John Harper was a Scottish Baptist pastor, evangelist, and a victim of the *RMS Titanic*sinking in 1912. As the ship went down, he ensured his daughter and sister-in-law were in a lifeboat before remaining on deck to preach the gospel to other passengers. He was last seen in the icy water, giving his life jacket to another man and urging him to "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," according to survivors.

Key details about John Harper:

- **Born:**May 29, 1872, in the village of Houston, Scotland.
- **Early Ministry:**Became a Christian at 14 and started preaching at 18, eventually founding Paisley Road Baptist Church in Glasgow.
- **Family:**He was a widower with a daughter, Annie Jessie Harper ("Nana"), and his sister-in-law, Jessie Leitch, accompanied them.
- **On the *Titanic***
  : Harper was traveling to the United States to speak at the Moody Church in Chicago when the ship struck an iceberg.
- **Sacrifice and Evangelism:**On the sinking ship, he gave his daughter and sister-in-law a place in a lifeboat and then returned to the deck to evangelize.
- **Last Convert:**A survivor reported that Harper gave him his life vest in the water and, shortly before drowning, asked him, "Are you saved?" before sinking. The man later stated he was John Harper's last convert.

George Henry Cavell – he was John Harper's last convert. There in the freezing water, after Harper sank beneath the surface, Cavell called on the Lord for salvation. It is never too late to trust Christ. Today "*is the day of salvation*" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Air Florida Flight 90 was a scheduled domestic passenger flight operated from Washington National Airport(now Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport) to Fort Lauderdale–Hollywood International Airport, with an intermediate stopover at Tampa International Airport, that crashed into the 14th Street Bridge over the Potomac River just after takeoff from Washington National Airport on January 13, 1982.

The aircraft was carrying 74 passengers and five crew members.

Only four passengers and one crew member (flight attendant Kelly Duncan) were rescued from the crash and survived.

Another passenger, Arland D. Williams Jr., assisted in the rescue of the survivors, but drowned before he could be rescued.

Four motorists on the bridge were killed. The survivors were rescued from the icy river by civilians and professionals.

President Ronald Reagan commended these acts during his State of the Union speech 13 days later.

Edmund – Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe

Edmund Pevensie
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe tells the story of Aslan, a lion who represents Jesus Christ, who is sacrificed by the White Witch to save a traitorous Edmund. Aslan is killed on the Stone Table,but then resurrects from the dead, breaking the Witch's power and bringing life back to the creatures she had turned to stone.

This mirrors Jesus's death and resurrection, symbolizing the Christian message of redemption,atonement, and the victory of good over evil.

Key parallels to the gospel story:

- **Aslan as Christ:**Aslan, the son of the Great Emperor, is a powerful but benevolent lion who sacrifices himself. His death and resurrection are central to the plot, paralleling Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection.
- **The White Witch as Satan:**She represents the power of evil, seeking to control Narnia through manipulation and falsehood.
- **Edmund as a traitor:**Edmund's betrayal of his siblings for Turkish Delight, a symbol of sin and temptation, parallels Judas's betrayal of Jesus.
- **The Stone Table:**This symbolizes the "Deep Magic" that requires justice for Edmund's betrayal, which Aslan fulfills through his sacrificial death.

The elements of Edmund's gospel story

Temptation and sin

- The tempter: The White Witch, who rules Narnia in a perpetual winter, represents Satan. She uses lies and manipulation to corrupt Edmund for her own evil purposes.
- The forbidden fruit: The White Witch tempts Edmund with an enchanted Turkish Delight, which creates an insatiable, addictive hunger in him. This reflects the temptation of sin and its controlling power, much like the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden.
- Betrayal: Edmund's obsession with the Turkish Delight and the promise of power leads him to betray his siblings and align himself with the White Witch. His actions are often compared to Judas Iscariot's betrayal of Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

Realization and repentance

- Realizing evil: Edmund does not grasp the true malice of the White Witch until he sees her cruelty firsthand, particularly when she turns innocent animals to stone.
- Rescue and remorse: When Aslan's forces rescue Edmund from the Witch, he is filled with sincere regret for his actions. Following a private, redemptive conversation with Aslan, Edmund undergoes a p