

Ephesians 1:7-14 | Acts 7:55-8:2; 9:1-19

Paul: a living example of redemption.

What exactly did God do?

- *Redemption* = To buy back. To liberate by ransom.
- A loving judge also must be a fair and just judge.

Why did God do it?

- *Grace* = Specifically chosen to get what we don't deserve.

What do we get out of it?

Forgiveness = Our debt was paid by someone else.

God's Will = We have been chosen to be set apart for a purpose.

Relationship = Jesus gave his life for us, and to us.

Assurance / Guarantee = We are sons and daughters of the King.

Inheritance = We are citizens of heaven.

Is joining a Life Group your next step? Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today!
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Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover as we worshiped the Lord together this past Sunday?

Jeff talked on Sunday about redemption. What are things you have redeemed? How is that different than people being redeemed?

Do you see yourself as redeemed? Redeemable? Unredeemable? Why do you see yourself this way? Are there unredeemable people?

Connect to God's story

Read the following Scripture passages and write down what they say about the significance of Christ's redemption:

- 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 –
- Titus 2:11-14 –
- Ephesians 1:6-8 –
- Ephesians 1:14 –

Do you think it was fair for Christ to be your substitute and to pay your penalty with his amazing and sacrificial gift?

Read Romans 3:20-26.

A price needs to be paid. How does this passage help us answer the previous question from God's point of view?

God's way of salvation is through his accomplishments and not yours. How important is this to understanding his great grace for you? *Salvation is for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.* Then are there really people who are unredeemable? Does this challenge you?

Believing in Jesus is so important to being made right in God's sight. What has gotten in the way of believing in Jesus? What is still a potential stumbling block for you?

If you believe that Jesus sacrificed his life for you in this beautiful exchange then you are made right with God and have a relationship that is ready to grow as you walk with Him. Take some time right now to praise and thank Him for redeeming you! What a wonderful, and costly free gift He has given you and me... Jesus!

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

- Psalm 19:14 (NLT)

Real Life Prayer for 2022

Lord Jesus,

I affirm that I am fully known by You; my thoughts, fears, hopes, and dreams. You know my past, present, and future. I am fully known and loved by You.

I desire to know You more - Your heart, Your will, Your purposes.

I commit to making You known in my areas of influence through my words, actions, attitude, and joy. I commit to love as You love.

I ask you, Lord Jesus, to use me daily for Your purposes.

I pray this with a heart of gratitude,

Amen.

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