

Redemption

1A Here are some of the highlights of the Biblical concept of redemption:

1B There are three directions of salvation: propitiation toward God, reconciliation toward man, and redemption toward sin.

1C Propitiation is God's satisfaction with the work of Christ on the cross.

2C Reconciliation is the bridging of the gap between perfect God and sinful man. Man is reconciled to God through the cross.

3C Redemption centers on the problem of the eradication of sin.

2B Chafer's Systematic Theology has this to say in Volume Two, page 61: "In redemption the work of Christ on the cross paid in full the price of releasing the sinner from the bondage and judgment of his sins. When on the cross Jesus said, 'It is finished' John 19:30, He referred to the fact that His death had fully paid all that God demanded for the forgiveness of sinners. Redemption is the sinward aspect of Christ's work on the cross and has to do with the payment of the price of the sins of the whole world. Redemption is an act of God by which He Himself pays as a ransom price of human sin, which price the outraged holiness and government of God requires. This contrasts with reconciliation, which pertains to the solution of the problem of the sinful state of the sinner, and with propitiation, which relates to the fact that God has been offended by sin. Redemption offers the sinner release from sin and from the situation of being a bondservant to sin. Redemption results in liberation because the price has been paid to free the sinner from his sin."

3B And again on page 62, "Christ in His death on the cross went into the marketplace and bought the unsaved who are regarded as slaves. His death made it possible for Him to take them out of the marketplace and not subject them to further resale, and to set them free from the bondage and judgment of sin."

4B The essence of redemption is its result in forgiveness, Colossians 1:13-14, "13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

5B In the Old Testament there was promised a redeemer and redemption.

1C The redeemer, Job 19:25, "As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth."

2C Psalm 34:22, "The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned."

6B Jesus Christ is the only qualified redeemer.

1C Because of our sinfulness, we are not qualified to pay for our own sins.

1D We can only produce emptiness and even less before God. Isaiah 64:6, 6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

2D We are born into sin, our bodies polluted by the indwelling sin nature. The virgin birth caused Christ to be without the sin nature.

3D We are all sinners:

1E Isaiah 53:6, "All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

- 2E Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
- 2C Christ became man in order to redeem sinful mankind. Only a human being could properly redeem His own.
- 1D Philippians 2:5-8, "5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."
- 2D 1 Timothy 2:5-6, "5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time."
- 3D Hebrews 9:15, "For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance."
- 3C Christ never sinned in His life therefore He was the qualified redeemer of mankind:
- 1D 2 Corinthians 5:21, "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
- 2D Hebrews 4:14-16 is quite similar to 1 Peter 1:17, "14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. 16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."
- 3D Hebrews 7:26-28, "26 For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever."
- 7B The precious blood of Christ is the purchase price for redemption. Blood is a keyword for the physical death of our Lord. He paid the ultimate price, giving His own life.
- 1C Ephesians 1:7-8a, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, 8 which He lavished on us."
- 2C 1 Peter 1:18-19: "18 knowing that you were not redeemed with the perishable, with silver or gold from your empty inherited conduct 19 but with the precious blood of Christ like an unblemished and spotless lamb,"
- 8B The price of forgiveness is motivation to glorify God: 1 Corinthians 6:20, 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
- 9B The results of redemption:

- 1C We are delivered from the curse of the Law, which is condemnation from God due to the imputation of Adam's Original Sin.
- 1D Galatians 3:13, "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*' -
- 2D Galatians 4:4-5, "4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."
- 2C God forgives us of all of our sins.
- 1D Isaiah 44:22, "I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."
- 2D Colossians 1:14, "...in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."
- 3C Redemption is the basis for justification, Romans 3:23-24, "23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus."
- 4C Redemption is the basis for our eternal inheritance, Hebrews 9:15, "For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance."
- 5C Redemption is the basis for the strategic victory over Satan and all of his minions.
- 1D Colossians 2:13-15, "13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, 14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him."
- 2D Hebrews 2:14-15, "14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives."
- 6C Redemption of the soul results in redemption of the body through resurrection; the one demands the other.
- 1D Romans 8:23, "And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body."
- 2D Ephesians 4:30, "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."
- 7C The redemption songs in heaven:
- 1D Revelation 5:8-10, 8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe

and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

2D Revelation 14:2-3, 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. 3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.