

Big Bible Words with Big Meaning "Redemption"

Introduction:

1. You hold in your hand God's Word! It is God's Word to you. Do you want to know what God is thinking? Do you know what God is up to today? You will find it in God's Word.
2. Everything you need to know about God's plan and God's purpose is found in your Bible. God had made known the mystery of His will through the counsel of His Word.
3. The Bible is a book to be learned and understood. **2 Timothy 3:14-15**
 - When Satan tells you that you cannot understand the Bible, it is a lie. He wants to keep you from your source of help, strength, comfort, wisdom, etc.
4. Will you encounter verses or words that you do not understand? Of course - this is true of any book. A Bible dictionary and English dictionary will assist you greatly.
5. For a few weeks we are examining big Bible words that are extremely important that you grasp. You need to understand these words because your salvation and spiritual growth hinges on the truths found in these words.
6. The word I want to focus on today is "redemption." Let's read **Ephesians 1:7** and then answer some vital questions about the word redemption.

First, what does the word redemption mean?

1. Webster's online dictionary defines it as "to free from captivity by payment of a ransom."
2. Strong's Concordance defines it as "to ransom in full." The word for "redemption" is also translated "deliverance."
3. The Bible dictionary says, "Deliverance by payment of a price."
4. Let's sum up a definition of redemption: it is to release a captive by paying a ransom.
 - **Illustration:** One of my boys is taken captive - he is kidnapped. The captors are calling for a ransom of \$10,000. We pay the ransom and set him free. What have we done? We have redeemed him. We have delivered him - set him free.

Second, why do I need redemption?

1. You and I need redemption because we are in the worst kind of captivity.
 - We are captives in the family of Satan. **Ephesians 2:2-3**
 - We are called the children of disobedience and the children of wrath.
2. We have all disobeyed God's law, and this carries with it the penalty of death (**Ephesians 2:1**). The wrath of God will one day be poured out on all those who have disobeyed His righteous law and sinned against Him. **Romans 2:5**

3. We are in bondage to sin and Satan and the payment we owe is death, eternal death and separation from God (**Revelation 20:14-15**). We desperately need redemption. Without it we are doomed.

Third, who has paid for my redemption?

1. The Bible teaches that Christ was made under the law. Christ was placed under the tutelage of the law, but unlike us, He was obedient in all things.
Hebrews 4:15
2. Why was it so important that Christ be made under the law and keep it perfectly? **Galatians 4:5** says "... to redeem them that were under the law."
3. Jesus Christ kept the law, therefore the law could not justly demand His death (like you and I).
4. But do you know what He did? He willingly gave His life and bore the curse of the law (death). He did this **for us**. **Ephesians 5:2**
5. Christ paid our ransom! Because of what Christ has done we can be set free from the curse of the law. We are redeemed from its slavery.
Galatians 3:13
6. You and I are slaves to our sin. God's righteous law cries out for our death. According to the Bible, where is redemption for us to be found?
Romans 3:24 (in Christ Jesus)
 - You will not find it anywhere else - religion, good works, kind deeds, baptism. **Ephesians 2:8-9**
7. Redemption is found in a person, Jesus Christ. He shed His blood and gave His life a ransom so that we could go free from the penalty of the law.
Ephesians 1:7
 - **1 Corinthians 6:20** declares that every believer has been bought with a price.
 - **Acts 20:28** emphatically states that He purchased us with his own blood.
 - The price to redeem you was not silver, gold, or money. The ransom price was the precious blood of the innocent Lamb of God, Jesus Christ.
1 Peter 1:18-19

Fourth, how do I apply redemption to my life?

1. You can't work for it or earn it. **Ephesians 1:7** says it is according to the riches of His **grace**. Grace cannot be earned or deserved, only received.
Ephesians 2:8-9
2. God is offering to every individual, redemption from the penalty of the law and sin through Christ's redemptive work on the cross.
3. It is a gift of God's grace, and can only be received by faith.
4. The moment your heart completely trusts in Jesus Christ and His work on the cross, the ransom price He paid is applied to you personally and you are redeemed.
5. Once you are redeemed you become a child of God and part of His family.
Galatians 4:4-5

In Conclusion:

1. A beautiful illustration of redemption is found in **Exodus 6:5-8**.
2. This is what God has done for us spiritually today.
 - God has redeemed us from the bondage of our sin.
 - He has taken us to Himself and we are now His people.
 - He has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.
3. Have you been redeemed? If not, why not place your faith and trust in Christ today?