**A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS: THE WEALTH AND WALK OF A BELIEVER**

*“The Blessing of Redemption”*

* **The Principle of Redemption**

The word “redemption” comes from 4 different legal terms used in the Bible.

* A legal **acquittal** or pronouncement of innocence. (Rm. 3:24)

*Rom 3:24*

*24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

* A **removal** or cancellation of a **debt**. (Lev. 16:7-22; Jn. 1:29)

*John 1:29*

*29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

* A **reconciliation** of disputing parties. (Rm. 5:10; II Cor. 5:18-20)

*Rom 5:10*

*10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

*2 Cor 5:18-20*

*8 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;*

*19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*

*20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

* A **ransom** paid in order to release a slave from bondage. (Mt. 20:28; II Cor. 5:21)

*Matt 20:28*

*28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

*2 Cor 5:21*

*21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

* **The Need of Redemption**
* We were **guilty**. (Rm. 3:19; I Jn. 1:8)

*Rom 3:19*

*19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.*

* We were in **debt**. (Rm. 6:23; Eph. 2:1)

*Rom 6:23*

*23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Eph 2:1*

*2 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*

* We were **separated** from God. (Eph. 2:13; Is. 59:2; Rm. 5:10)

*Eph 2:13*

*13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*

*Isa 59:2*

*2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*

*Rom 5:10*

*10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

* We were in **bondage**. (II Tim. 2:26; Eph. 2:2; Rm. 6:17)

2 Tim 2:26

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

*Eph 2:2*

*2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

*Rom 6:17*

*17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.*

* **The Results of Redemption**
* I’ve been declared **innocent**. (Rom. 3:24; II Cor. 5:21)

*Rom 3:24*

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*2 Cor 5:21*

*21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

* I’ve been granted **forgiveness**. (Col. 2:13-14; Heb. 10:17)

*Col 2:13-14*

*3 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;*

*14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*

*Heb 10:17*

*17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*

* I’ve been **reconciled** to God. (II Cor. 5:18-20; I Pet. 3:18)

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*20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

*1 Peter 3:18*

*18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

* I’ve been granted **freedom**.

* + I am free from the **penalty** of sin. (Rm. 8:1-2)

*Rom 8:1-2*

*8 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

*2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

* + I am free from the **power** of sin. (Rm. 6:12-22; Gal. 1:4)

*Gal 1:4*

*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:*

* **The Agent of Redemption**

*Eph 1:7*

*7 In whom we have redemption* ***through******his******blood****, the* ***forgiveness*** *of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*

*1 Peter 1:18-19*

*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;*

*19 But with the precious* ***blood*** *of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*