

GALATIANS 3:10-13, 4:4-7

REDEMPTION

# GOSPEL DEFINED

**A ransom must to be paid for you. Your first thought when hearing that probably has something to do with a note left behind by a kidnapper. "Pay up or else." So, have you been kidnapped? Not really.** Ransom and kidnapping have actually only been associated with one other in recent times. Historically, the idea of ransom meant the price to purchase back someone who was held in bondage or slavery. Because we haven't kept God's law, a ransom is required. We are in bondage because of the law's demands, and our only hope for freedom is if our ransom is paid! The gospel defined says that Jesus Himself is that redemption. Redemption means that Jesus secures our release from bondage by the paying our ransom with His blood. The ransom has been paid!

## CURSED AND IN DEBT TO THE LAW

God's law makes \_\_\_\_\_ for all who are under it.

God's law \_\_\_\_\_ everyone who cannot meet its demands.

God's law places an infinite \_\_\_\_\_ debt on man's soul.

## PAID AND FREED FROM THE LAW

Jesus enters \_\_\_\_\_ in our place. *He became our curse.*

Jesus offers His \_\_\_\_\_ to God. *He paid our price.*

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us from bondage. *He redeems as the ransom.*

## BOUGHT AND ADOPTED TO GOD

Redemption brings us into full \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.

Redemption \_\_\_\_\_ us to live in full sonship.

Redemption frees us to \_\_\_\_\_ as sons of God.

## FOR FURTHER THOUGHT...

*Do you ever ponder the impossibly high standards that God's holiness demands of humans, apart from grace? Read these passages and evaluate your chances for success, apart from having a Savior: Deuteronomy 6:5-9, James 2:8-10, Galatians 3:10*

*What is a redeemer? What is a ransom? Why did we need a redeemer to pay our ransom? What does the phrase Jesus Himself is both our redeemer and our ransom mean...and what does that say about God's heart towards you?*

*Study Acts 26:16-18 and 2 Corinthians 4:3-6. What keeps us from seeing our sin and need for Christ? What is the only way we will see these things? How should this truth influence how we live and walk with God?*

*Read over Ephesians 2:1-10 three times. Walk through this progression. What motivated God to redeem us? How did God redeem us? To what did God redeem us? To what destination did God redeem us? For what ultimate purpose did God redeem us? What is the effect of God's redemption in our lives?*

*What specific things paid the price for our redemption? Lookup 1 Tim. 2:6; Titus 2:14 Mark 10:45 and 1 Peter 1:18-19. What is the connection between these?*

*Jesus' death secured not only redemption from the curse of the Law, but also redemption from the bondage to sin. How? Why are both important? What ways is this precious truth real to you in everyday life? What affect does that have on your life?*

*John Stott says, "the person of the redeemer...has proprietary rights over his purchase". What are the practical implications of that? How far do you acknowledge this in your life?*

*Redemption removed our curse and secured for us adoption. When are you most in danger of living as a slave, not a son?*