

**Words That Matter!**  
**Redemption: God at work for me!**  
**Selected Scriptures**

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Words matter: communication skills are incredibly important in today's World and yet it appears that people seem handicapped when communicating. Communication is being reduced to as few characters as possible on a small screen or texting using odd-ball symbols. People are left to guess what is intended and often are simply confused rather than clear on intent. Clear communication gives confidence and assurance we are on track. Our study on "Words That Matter" is not about becoming great theologians but about becoming confident followers and witnesses for Jesus Christ.

One dictionary definition of Redemption that I found was:

The act of redeming: isn't that a big help?

What comes to your mind regarding redemption?

For the most part it's about savings and getting a good deal. It involves things you work for or earn. It's all about you striving in some way for whatever it is you want.

When googling redemption two perspectives come up.

1. the action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment or clearing a debt. (Personal action to obtain)
2. the action of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil. "God's plans for the redemption of his world" The distinction is God's work to reclaim for Himself!

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Biblical redemption it's totally different from man's view.

Man can't e a r n redemption, can't b u y redemption. It's t o t a l l y the work of G o d for man.

The reality of Romans 3:23; 6:23 is seemingly very H a r s h to this World. Remember, however, this is the d e c r e e of Almighty Sovereign God. But that decree also says "the g i f t of God is e t e r n a l life through Jesus Christ or Lord".

John 3:17, 18 C o n d e m n a t i o n for lack of belief.

John 8:31-36 S l a v e s to sin

But: John 3:16 God g a v e. God paid the price for s i n!

To clearly understand the work of redemption we need to start on common ground.

1. Man is a l i e n a t e d from God because of sin.  
(Rom 3:23; 6:23)
2. Man is in b o n d a g e to sin. Slaves!  
(James 1:14-15 John 8:34)
3. Man can d o n o t h i n g to pay the p r i c e. (Isa 64:6)

There are primarily two Greek words used for redeem or redemption. Their root meanings are "to purchase, to pay the price, to ransom and release."

**Agorazo** is to purchase from or out of the market.

(Gal 3:24-4:6; 1 Cor 6:20; 1 Peter 1:18,19)

**Lutroo** used more often and carries the sense of a slave or captive being held and "Ransomed to be set free or redeemed, debt paid in full".

(Acts 20:28; Rom 3:24; Eph 1:7; 4:30; Heb 9:12, 15\*)

**So How does this come together in my life?**

Romans 3:21-26

1. V21 Righteousness apart from Law testified to in law and prophets
2. V22 available to a l l who believe
3. V24 PURCHASED, R a n s o m e d off the market
4. V25 a t o n e m e n t Covering OT temporary, to demonstrate His f o r b e a r a n c e, He patiently waited until the right time. Patience means salvation (2 Pet 9-15)

Ephesians 1:7,13,14

1. V7 Purchase out of the slave market, R a n s o m e d with a price we could not pay
2. V13 H e a r d, B e l i e v e d, Set f r e e with the Holy Spirit living in us as a g u a r a n t e e of our inheritance.
3. V13-14 SEALED, Redemption d o n e and c o m p l e t e deal never to be r e p e a t e d.

**Biblical Picture of Redemption:** Book of R u t h

1. Must be a c l o s e r e l a t i v e to qualify John 1:14 God and truly man. Philippians 2:5-10 Our Kinsman Redeemer.
2. Must be a b l e, 2:1 He is God/Man. He is able!
3. Must b e w i l l i n g. He was willing but must be correct in the process and judged right. (4:4-10) Our Kinsman Redeemer was/is w i l l i n g!

Our Kinsman Redeemer, our only p o s s i b l e redeemer, saw our need, paid the price in full by H i s D e a t h. Are we just riding along or living His dream?!