

Movements of God: Redeemed by the Blood of Jesus
Anniversary Sunday - September 14, 2025

Bible Passage: Ephesians 1:7-10

Big Idea: Life is not without _____ – but the meaning is unreachable apart from GOD’S PLAN and purposes _____.

#1 - The true meaning of life is unlocked in “ _____ ” (7)

- redemption – _____, to be loosed, set free or delivered or ransomed by the payment of a price
- The need for redemption is because of our bondage to _____

#2-Redemption’s reality is determined by our standing either “ _____ ” or “ _____ ” (7)

- For as in Adam all **die**, so also in Christ shall all be **made alive**. 1 Corinthians 15:22

“In Adam”

- DEATH
- _____
- CONDEMNATION
- BROKEN-SINFUL INNER BEING

“In Christ”

- LIFE
- _____
- FORGIVENESS
- BRAND-NEW INNER BEING

#3-Redemption is _____ when its uniqueness is understood (7-10)

- The _____ of redemption - THE _____ OF JESUS
- The Significance of Blood in Sacrificial System & Atonement in Old Testament
 - The punishment for sin or breaking God’s law was one’s life (Exodus 32:33)
 - “For the life of a creature is in the blood...it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life” (Leviticus 17:11)
 - God’s perfect justice against sin demands “a life for a life” (Genesis 9:5–6; Exodus 21:23)
 - Animal sacrifices were temporary and incomplete; they could not achieve the removal of guilt and forgiveness of sin (Hebrews 9:9–10) and had to be repeated year after year (Hebrews 10:1–4, 11)
- The Significance of Blood and Christ’s Death
 - Jesus stepped in, took our punishment upon Himself, and paid the price with His blood—His life for ours—fulfilling God’s demand for perfect justice (Romans 3:25; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 10:10)
- Only in Jesus do we find redemption.
 - Jesus is the one who paid the redemption price so that WE CAN POSSESS IT.
- The process of redemption – GOD’S _____
- The purpose of redemption – _____

Truth Into Action: Think CAREFULLY

- **My reality**—I was born with a ravaged soul, made spiritually blind and held captive by Satan, controlled by reckless lusts on a pathway to eternal alienation and damnation. **Come to grips with your true spiritual condition.**
- **God’s Rescue Plan**—Jesus came toward me by entering planet earth’s broken mess, living the perfect life, enduring an agonizing death and burial. Then He defeated death, exited the tomb so that I could live free. **Repent & believe the gospel TODAY and be saved.**

Pray first†



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: What is the best “purchase” you have ever made and why?

1. According to verse 7, what do we receive from God by the work of Christ? [Hint: Redemption, forgiveness of sins]

- In your own words, what is redemption?
- One of Paul’s favorite words here is forgiveness. Paul tells us that God has lavished His grace upon us with forgiveness. That means God’s forgiveness is complete, not begrudging, and abundantly given. How does this make you feel regarding guilt of past (or present) sins in your life?

2. Paul connects our ability to receive redemption and the forgiveness of sins through the shedding of Jesus’ blood. Why is the sacrifice of Jesus’ blood so significant?

- Compare this verse with the following verses:
 - Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 9:15; Mark 10:45
 - How do these fill in the picture of Christ’s payment for our sins?

3. During the sermon, a story was shared about a slave girl and her big “buy out”. Imagine you are a slave or a captive that is being held hostage. You can either: attempt to free yourself/escape, have someone rescue you, or have someone pay a ransom for you. Discuss the possible scenarios in your group.

- What was the girl’s response in the story told during this week’s sermon?
- How does her story relate to one’s story of redemption through the blood of Jesus from sin?
- [Hint: We are dead in sin—we can do nothing to free ourselves or escape (because we’re “dead,” remember?) But Jesus rescued us and paid a ransom for us by dying on the cross. The price paid was very costly—it was Jesus’ life. His own blood was shed for us. Though Jesus had no sin, He died for our sins.]

4. Read the following verses and fill in the blanks. The benefits of redemption include

_____ (Revelation 5:9-10), _____ (Ephesians 1:7), _____ (Romans 5:17), _____ from the law’s curse (Galatians 3:13), _____ into God’s family (Galatians 4:5), _____ from sin’s bondage (Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 1:14-18), _____ with God (Colossians 1:18-20), and the _____ of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). To be redeemed, then, is to be forgiven, holy, justified, free, adopted, and reconciled. See also Psalm 130:7-8; Luke 2:38; and Acts 20:28.

Closing Prayer: Write out a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God