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Topic: **Divine Redemption**

Psalm 103:1-5, Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Redeem in Hebrew is the word ga'al

- Means to buy back out of debt or slavery.
- God doesn't just forgive and forget he actively purchases us out of bondage, slavery, prison and debt.

The Pit in Hebrew is the word Shachath

- Means corruption and destruction related to a grave or a pit.
- To be redeemed from the pit, means to be saved from death and the grave.
- *The reality is we are all headed for the pit and we all need redemption that only comes through Jesus Christ.*

Without Jesus there can be no Redemption.

Colossians 1:13-17, For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or

rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

- This verse clearly reveals that Jesus is the only One who could be our redeemer because He was the creator and our original owner.

How do we Receive this Redemption?

1. Not with Riches

I Peter 1:18, For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors.

- The possessions of life, the treasures of our world, the money in our bank accounts will never be able to redeem us from the penalty of our sins.

2. Not with Religion

Matthew 23:27, "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.

- Our worldly religious systems will NOT save anyone.

3. With Surrender

I Peter 1:18-20, For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

- You can't buy your redemption...you can't be good enough to deserve it, you have to accept it with a surrendered heart that only in the death of Jesus you can be saved.
- You have to surrender your will to God's will.
- ***Jesus wants you to know today that even when you didn't want Him, HE wanted you.***