

THE STORY OF  
CHRISTMAS.

# Redemption

PRINCE OF PEACE

Exodus 20:2 | Isaiah 43:1; 53:5-6 | Matthew 4:16  
Ephesians 1:7 | 2 Corinthians 5:21 | 1 Peter 1:18-19

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The grand, overarching narrative of scripture:

Creation - Fall - Redemption - Restoration

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Redemption

# Big Questions:

- What does “redemption” mean?
- Is it true that everybody needs redemption?
- Where can we find true redemption?
- Can sinful human beings ever be reconciled to a holy and righteous God?

“Redemption” is a transactional term that refers to buying back, gaining, regaining or securing the freedom of something or someone.

# The Story of Christmas: Redemption

I. An inescapable plight.

“The coming of God is not only glad tidings, but first of all frightening news for everyone who has a conscience. Only when we have felt the terror of the matter, can we recognize the incomparable kindness.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
*The Coming of Jesus into Our Midst*



# The Story of Christmas: Redemption

1. An inescapable plight.
2. An immeasurable price.

“Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross.”

*- Philippians 2:6-8*

# The Story of Christmas: Redemption

1. An inescapable plight.
2. An immeasurable price.
3. An incomparable redeemer.

The story of Christmas / the Incarnation  
is the story of redemption because redemption is:

- A recognition of humanity's predicament.
- A demonstration of God's love.
- A demonstration of Divine justice.
- A reflection of Christ's victory over sin and evil.
- A satisfaction of the holiness of God.
- An atonement from sin and freedom for sinners.
- A confirmation that this God of the Bible is indeed trustworthy.

“And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?”

- Charles Wesley

1738

“Redeemed! It means the slave set free, the exiled restored to citizenship, the convict pardoned, the bankrupt released, the ransom paid. God visits earth, but he does not come empty-handed; he brings the price of souls in hands that are pierced on the way.”

- George Eliot

“Life between Jesus’ two Advents  
[1] deepens our sadness over the brokenness  
in God’s world and ourselves; [2] fuels  
our humility and joy in response to what  
God’s done about it in Jesus; and [3] intensifies  
our hope and commitment to missional living  
until the Day of all things new.”

- Scotty Smith