

Two things we have been given

1. Redemption – To pay a ransom to release from captivity
 - Too many preach sin as if it is still the believer’s master. But we preach liberty to the captive! Freedom from sin
 - **Gen 38** is the story of Judah and Tamar. Judah, in his sin, gave up his signet, bracelet, and staff and was supposed to send a lamb to redeem them.
 - Signet — identity, authority, covenant mark
 - Cord/bracelets — personal wealth, pledge, value
 - Staff — strength, rule, power, leadership
 - Judah gave up his signet, cord, and staff in failure. Jesus came from Judah’s line and restored what man lost in Adam.
2. Forgiveness “Aphesis” means: Release, Remission **Col 1:13-14**
 - Remission is more than forgiveness; it means to release from obligation by paying the debt owed.
 - I owe sin NOTHING! No explanation, no apology, no payment. NOTHING.
 - It is the removal of sin and its nature from us
 - In the Old Covenant, they had temporary forgiveness but a remembrance of sin **Heb 10:1-18**
 - No more awareness of any sin left to pay
 - In those sacrifices, they were reminded that the sin was only covered and still had to be paid for.
 - One sacrifice for sin forever. There is no more offering left for sin
 - God prepared a body to punish and condemn sin in **Joh 1:29; 1Pe 2:24; Psa 103:12; 1Jn 3:5**
 - God made Him to be sin for us to make us right in Him **2Co 5:21**
 - Jesus gave Himself as an offering for us **Eph 5:2**
 - God made His soul an offering for us, **Isaiah 53**
 - By punishing our sin in Christ’s body, God released us from any obligation to it
 - What the Law could not do God did in Christ **Rom 8:1-4**
 - What does the law require to make us righteous?
 - law singular the law of love: God Neighbor Self **Mat 22:34-40; Joh 13:34**
 - God removed the nature of sin and imparted a new nature to us. That new nature is love, **Eze 11:19-20; Eze 36:25-27; Jer 31:31-34; Tit 3:3-6; Rom 5:5**
 - Love fulfills the law **Rom 13:8-10**
 - We are now free from sin, not free to sin! **Rom 6:15-23**
 - God has delivered us from the power of sin, not from the presence of it, **Gen 4:1-13**
 - Sin is no longer our master; we are to master it! **Rom 6:12-14**
 - As we walk in love, we are free from sin and its mastery over us