



Sermon Points

Week 3 - 10.2.22 | Tyler Wilson

Title: Redeemed by the Son

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7-10

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Main Point: Through the blood of Jesus we've been redeemed - lavished with the grace of freedom from the power of sin and forgiveness from its penalty.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7-10 ESV - In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:7a - In him we have **redemption** through his blood...

Redemption echoes the idea of **liberation** throughout the Old Testament

- Exodus 6:5-6 ESV - Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will **redeem** you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.
- Exodus 15:13 ESV - "You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have **redeemed**; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.
- Deuteronomy 7:8 ESV - but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and **redeemed** you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Redemption = Freedom!

To set free from slavery by means of a payment.

What have we been set free from? From the slavery of sin. - this echoes the OT again, in that Israel's slavery to Egypt was also a *spiritual* slavery. Let my people go... so that they may *worship*. (Exodus 5:1)

New Testament examples of redemption from sin, or slavery to the law:

- Galatians 3:13 ESV - Christ **redeemed** us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us--for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"--
- Galatians 4:5 ESV - to **redeem** those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.
- Titus 2:14 ESV - who gave himself for us to **redeem** us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.
- Hebrews 9:15 ESV - Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that **redeems** them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Addiction is a helpful word to use to help us understand the grip and slavery of sin. Addiction grips you, so that sin owns you.

Addiction is experienced by everybody, not just by those struggling with substance abuse, because all of our hearts are "idol factories". Many of us are addicted to:

- People's approval
- Comforts & Conveniences
- The thrill of buying something new
- Knowledge
- Control
- Politics
- Hobbies
- Actual good things that become ultimate
 - Nature
 - Creation
 - Escape
 - Love
- Sympathy from others
- People's good impressions

Only Jesus can actually redeem us from our addictions. Sometimes, we can replace our addictions with worldly remedies, which just means that we replace that addiction with another addiction.

God is the one who saves from the grip of sin.

Psalm 106:10 ESV - So he saved them from the hand of the foe and **redeemed** them from the **power** of the enemy.

- If you are a Christian, you are *free* from the grip of sin

We are not free from the presence of sin on this side of eternity, but we are free from the power.

- Romans 8:2 ESV - For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.
- "Law" → "Power"

- We are free from sin's power, and also its penalty.
 - Romans 8:4 ESV - in order that the **righteous requirement of the law** might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Ephesians 1:7 ESV - In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our **trespasses**, [...]

Trespass - the crossing of a boundary, personal **violating** of what belongs to another.

A personal attempt at the dethroning of God - which is why his forgiveness is so powerful.

Jeremiah 31:34 ESV - And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will **remember their sin no more.**"

Psalms 103:10-12 ESV - He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; **as far as the east is from the west**, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

- His forgiveness of our sin is a complete erasure of it.
 - You are free from the unending debt of your failed holiness.
 - You are free from the engulfing guilt and paralyzing shame of your sin.
 - You are free from the internal torment of disappointing Jesus, the one who loved you and gave his life for you.

When the enemy shows us our insufficiency, we point to the cross and its sufficiency on our behalf.

There is a payment for your freedom, there is an exchange, a cost to pay that debt.

Death was the payment to our sin against a holy God.

- Hebrews 9:12, 14, 22 ESV - he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but **by means of his own blood**, thus securing an eternal redemption. ... how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. ... Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.
- Ephesians 1:7-8 ESV - In him we have redemption **through his blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his **grace**, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

For God to *allow* a sacrifice for our sins is GRACE

For God to *provide* that sacrifice for our sins is AMAZING GRACE

For God to *become* that sacrifice for our sins is INCOMPREHENSIBLE GRACE UPON GRACE

God lavishes his grace, he doesn't hold it back or give it begrudgingly. We can never out-sin God's grace.

Ephesians 1:8b-9 ESV - in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

- God's grace was *purposed for us* before the foundation of the world

Blessings from Eph. 1:7-10:

1. **FREEDOM:** Redemption from sin's power
2. **FORGIVENESS:** Removal of sin's penalty
3. **FOUNDATION:** Revealing of sin's answer
4. **FULLNESS:** Reversal of sin's effects

Psalm 32:1-5 ESV - A Maskil of David. Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah