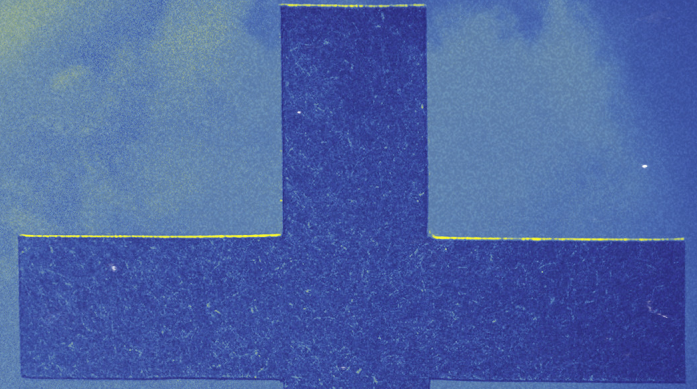


# SIN & THE CROSS



**1 Corinthians 1:18 (NLT)** — “**The message of the cross** is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But **we who are being saved** know **it is the very power of God.**”

**1 Corinthians 2:1–2 (NLT)** — “When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn’t use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God’s secret plan. **2** For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except **Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified.**”

In the Message of the  
Cross We Find the

**POWER  
OF GOD**



A blue-tinted photograph of a church service. In the background, a large, dark cross is visible against a bright, hazy light source, possibly a window. Several people's hands are raised in the air, some reaching towards the cross. The overall atmosphere is solemn and spiritual.

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UNDERSTANDING THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

**The Message of the Cross is... PROPITIATION**

## Work of Jesus on the Cross wholly:

- Satisfies God's holiness
- Exposes sin
- Appeased God's wrath directed toward our sin
- Tells us God is NOT angry with us

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**Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)** — “So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.”

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03 - THE MESSAGE... REDEMPTION

**The Message of the Cross is... REDEMPTION**

**Luke 1:68 (NLT)** — “Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited **and redeemed his people.**”

**Matthew 20:28 (NLT)** — “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to **give his life as a ransom for many.**”



**Ephesians 1:7 (NLT)** — “He is so rich in kindness and grace that **he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son** and forgave our sins”.

**Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV)** — “In Him **we have redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”

**Hebrews 9:12 (NLT)** — “With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and **secured our redemption forever.**”



## “redemption”

- **“agoranzo”** = refers to buying or purchasing and trading in the market place

**Galatians 3:13 (NLT)** — “But Christ has **rescued us** (NKJV – redeemed us) from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.’”

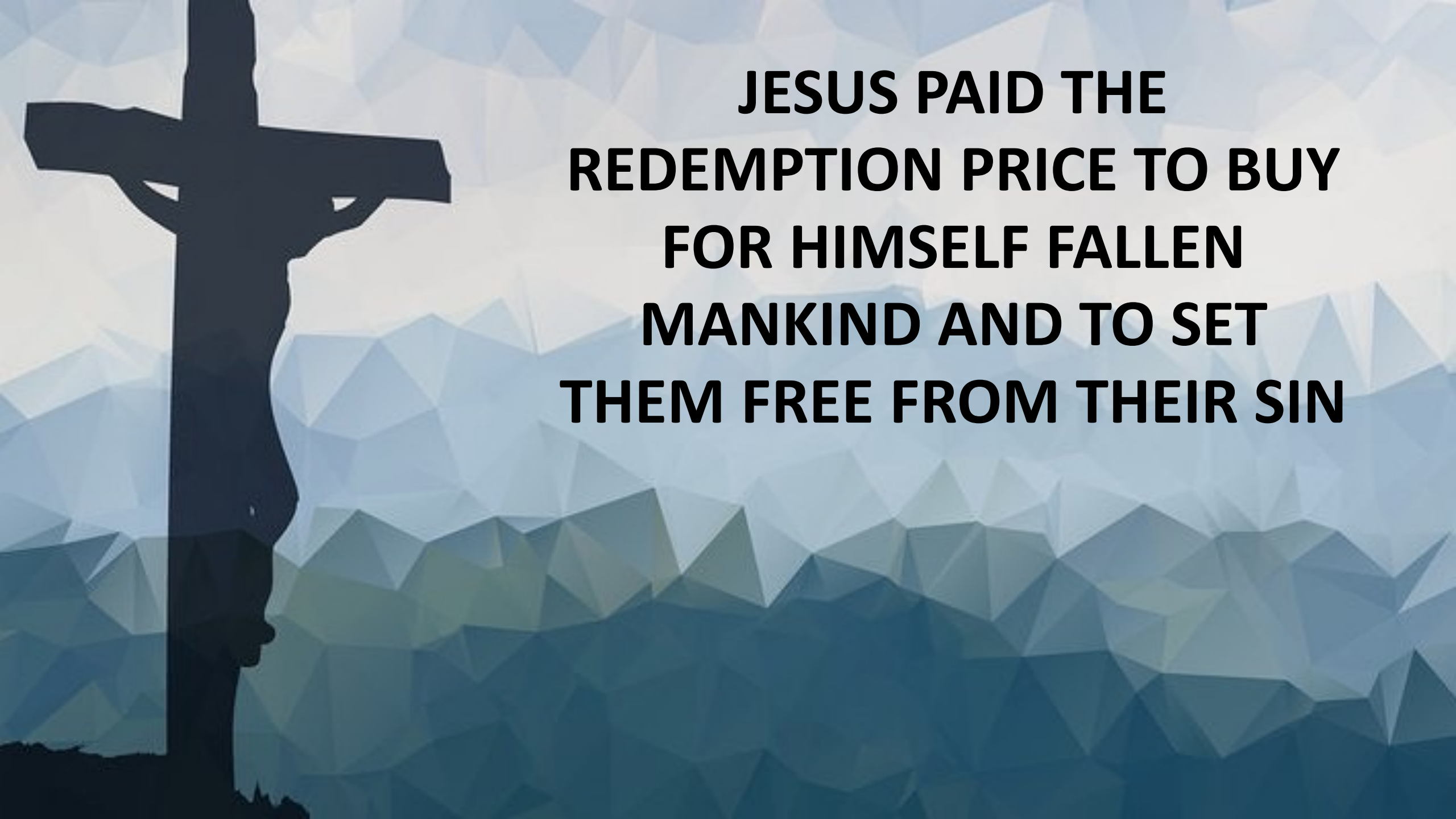
**Revelation 5:9 (NLT)** — “And they sang a new song with these words: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and **your blood has ransomed people** for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.’”

## “redemption”

- **“agoranzo”** = refers to buying or purchasing and trading in the market place
- **“lutroo”** = to release from captivity
  - paying a ransom in order to release a person from bondage, especially from slavery



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**JESUS PAID THE  
REDEMPTION PRICE TO BUY  
FOR HIMSELF FALLEN  
MANKIND AND TO SET  
THEM FREE FROM THEIR SIN**

**Romans 6:23 (NLT)** — “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**Ezekiel 18:4 (NLT)** — “For all people are mine to judge—both parents and children alike. And this is my rule: The person who sins is the one who will die.”



**John 8:34 (NLT)** — “Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin.’”

**Romans 3:10 (NLT)** — “As the Scriptures say, ‘No one is righteous— not even one.’”

**Psalm 14:1 (NLT)** — “Only fools say in their hearts, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; not one of them does good!”

**Romans 7:14 (NLT)** — “So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin.”

**We Were  
All Slaves  
to Sin**



**Titus 3:3 (NLT)** — “Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other.”



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**The PRICE of Redemption**

**Colossians 1:13–14 (NKJV)** — “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

**Leviticus 17:11 (NLT)** — “for the life of the body is in its blood. I have given you the blood on the altar to purify you, making you right with the LORD. It is the blood, given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible.”

**Hebrews 9:22 (NLT)** — “In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.”

A microscopic view of several red blood cells, which are biconcave discs, floating in a dark red, slightly blurred fluid. The cells are illuminated from the side, creating a bright, glowing edge that highlights their characteristic shape. The background is a deep, dark red, providing a high-contrast environment for the cells.

**The LIFE is in the BLOOD**



**1 Peter 1:18–19 (NLT)** — “For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. **19** It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.”



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**The RESULT of Redemption**

**Colossians 1:14 (NKJV)** — “in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

**Ephesians 1:7 (NLT)** — “He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.”

**Matthew 26:28 (NLT)** — “for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.”



# Redemption Brings FORGIVENESS

- **Only way to silence guilt**
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## Redemption Brings FORGIVENESS

- Only way to silence guilt
- **Only way to find relief from the pain of your past**

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**Yom Kippur**  
**“The Day of**  
**Atonement”**



# Jesus is OUR Atonement

- forgiveness = to send away
  - to repay or cancel a debt
  - to pardon



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**Psalm 103:12 (NLT)** — “He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.”

**Isaiah 44:22 (NLT)** — “I have swept away your sins like a cloud. I have scattered your offenses like the morning mist. Oh, return to me, for I have paid the price to set you free.”

**Micah 7:18–19 (NLT)** — “Where is another God like you, who pardons the guilt of the remnant, overlooking the sins of his special people? You will not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight in showing unfailing love. **19** Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean!”



**The Message of the Cross:  
You are **FORGIVEN!****



**The Message of the Cross:**

**You are **FORGIVEN!****

**You have been **SET FREE!****

Romans 6:18 (NLT) — “Now **you are free from your slavery to sin**, and you have become slaves to righteous living.”

**Many  
Christians  
Live Under  
Slavery to  
Sin**





**Who the Son Sets Free is Free Indeed!**

**Psalm 107:1–2 (NKJV)** — “Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. **2** Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy”





**A Flea...**

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