

Part Two: “You are Forgiven and Free!”

1 Corinthians 1:18

1 Corinthians 2:1-2

REVIEW

The message of the cross is the POWER of God:

- Because it is the only means by which one may find salvation
- To us who are “BEING SAVED”

Last week we looked at the powerful message of PROPITIATION:

- “to appease someone’s anger with a gift or sacrifice”

The work of Jesus Christ on the cross wholly:

- Satisfied God’s holiness so God could extend mercy to lost sinners
- Appeased the wrath of God directed toward our sin

The application for the Believer... **GOD IS NOT ANGRY WITH YOU!**

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.”

TODAY’S FOCUS: The Message of the Cross is **REDEMPTION**

Luke 1:68

Matthew 20:28

Ephesians 1:7

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Hebrews 9:12

1. The _____ of Redemption

Example: S&H Green Stamps... you would go to a “redemption center” to receive your gift

The biblical term redemption comes from two Greek legal terms:

- 1) “agoranzo” = refers to buying, purchasing and trading in the market place
 - In the New Testament this term denotes *spiritual* purchase or redemption
 - Galatians 3:13
 - Revelation 5:9
- 2) “lutroo” = to release from captivity
 - Refers to paying a ransom in order to release a person from bondage, especially from slavery

JESUS paid the redemption price to buy for Himself fallen mankind and to set them free from their sin!

- Romans 6:23
- Ezekiel 18:4
- John 8:34
- Romans 3:10
- Psalm 14:1
- Romans 7:14

We were ALL enslaved to sin!

- Titus 3:3

SIN is man’s captor and slave owner, and it demands a price for his release...

2. The _____ of Redemption

DEATH is the price that had to be paid for man’s redemption from sin

- Colossians 1:13–14
- Leviticus 17:11
- Hebrews 9:22

Shedding of blood is another way to signify death:

- The life is in the blood
- To shed blood signifies to die

1 Peter 1:18-19

The **PRICE** of redemption was the **BLOOD OF JESUS!**

3. The _____ of Redemption

To the sinner, the message of the cross says, “YOU ARE FORGIVEN!”

- Colossians 1:14
- Ephesians 1:7
- Matthew 26:28

Redemption brings forgiveness... It is the only way to:

- Adequately silence guilt
- Find relief from the pain of past failures and sin

Day of Atonement = Yom Kippur... **JESUS is OUR atonement!**

- Psalm 103:12
- Isaiah 44:22
- Micah 7:18–19

The message of the cross is **YOU ARE FORGIVEN** and **YOU HAVE BEEN SET FREE!**

- Romans 6:18
- Romans 6:14

The message of the cross says **YOU HAVE BEEN REDEEMED** by the blood of the Lamb of God!

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”