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“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:30-32

The Gospel: God is transforming His enemies into His family through Jesus Christ.

God’s mission for us begins with a willingness and a determination not just to announce this forgiveness but to actually forgive our enemies.

We are to work out on the ground what God has determined in the heavens and for heaven and earth.

You must glory in the truth of redemption, not only if you are going to live in the freedom of forgiveness in Christ, but if you are going to offer others the same freedom through Jesus.

The Meaning of Redemption

“In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace...”

Ephesians 1:7

Redemption
(apolutrosis) means
“release or liberation
from imprisonment
or captivity.”

Benjamin Merkle

“If you brother becomes poor
and sells part of his property,
then his nearest redeemer shall
come and redeem what his
brother has sold. If a man has
no one to redeem it and then
himself becomes prosperous
and finds sufficient means to
redeem it, let him calculate the
years since he sold it and pay
back the balance to the man to
whom he sold it and then
return to his property.”

Leviticus 25:25-27

“...the Lord has brought you
out with a mighty hand and
redeemed you from the
house of slavery, from the
hand of Pharoah, king of
Egypt.”

Deuteronomy 7:8

Redemption is the price Christ paid.
Forgiveness is the freedom He bought.

God redeemed Gentiles from their sins
through the blood of Christ.

Galatians 3:13 "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' - so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith."

God redeemed Jews from their sins
through the blood of Christ.

Galatians 4:4-5 "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

Redemption is God setting captives free at the price of his own Son.

It is God Himself forgiving His enemies at the price of the blood of His Son.

“Redemption (*apolutrōsis*) refers supremely to the work of Christ on our behalf, whereby he purchases and ransoms us—at the price of his own life—securing our deliverance from the bondage and condemnation of sin. As the old song goes, “He paid a debt he did not owe, because we owed a debt we could not pay.”

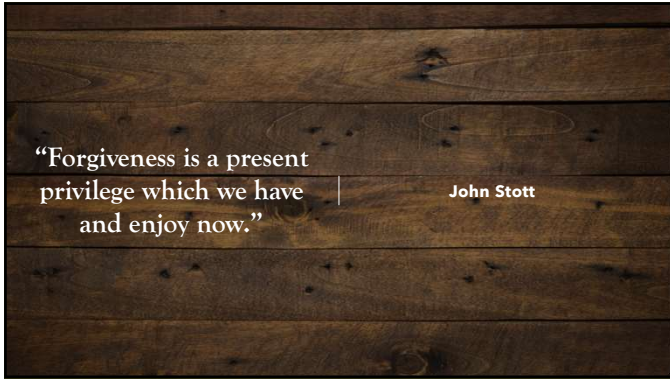
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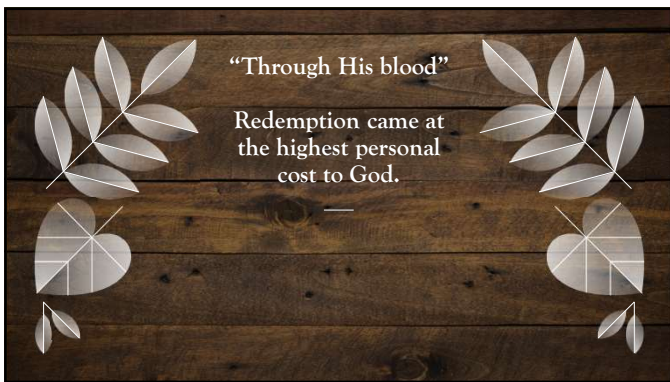
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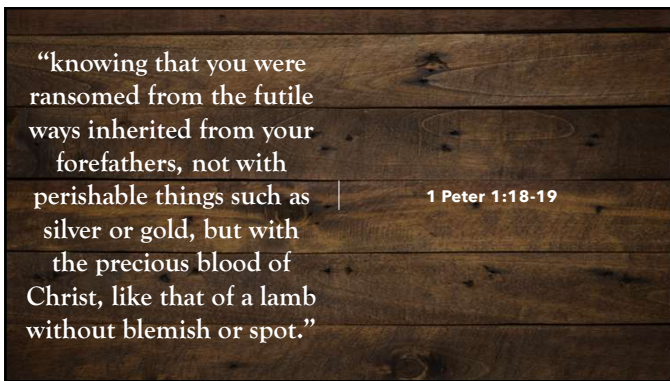
The doctrine of redemption doesn't simply free us from guilt and shame.
It frees us from unforgiveness and bitterness.

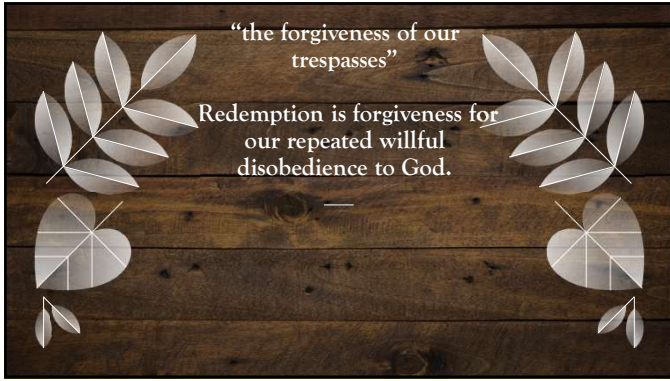
"In Him"
Redemption comes with a restored relationship.

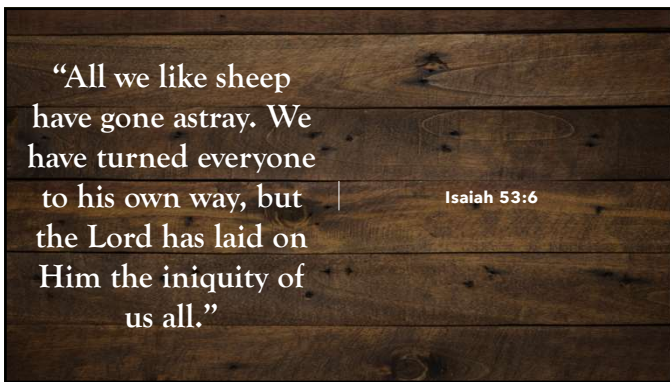
"We have redemption"
Redemption is a present possession.













“This abundant grace is not only potential, but actual. God has already (aorist indicative) poured it out, or ‘lavished it,’ on his people. This grace is sufficiently abundant to cover the sins of all and is adequate for the worst of sinners.”

Clinton Arnold

“By lavish grace, deliverance is available to us every day. He alone has the power to transform the controversial thoughts, desires, motives, and choices of our hearts.”

Paul Tripp

The Mission of Redemption

Forgiveness in Christ is to be offered to all the nations of the earth and through Christ, Jews and Gentiles, are given the privilege and benefits of adoption as sons.

“...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 on earth.”

Ephesians 1:9-10

“This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

Ephesians 3:6

“When I was first introduced to Christ... I learned to love my enemy unconditionally and that was the core of my motive,” Yousef stated. “And that’s what put me on this crazy experiment, irrational experiment with truth.”

(Mosab Hassan Yousef, son of Hamas’ chief religious leader, from the Jerusalem Post, March 3rd 2015)

God’s mission is to redeem His enemies, to offer them full present forgiveness in Christ.

Is this your mission?
