

救赎 Redemption

彼得前书 1:18及下文; 启示录 5:9及下文; 哥林多前书 6:19及下文, 7:22及下文; 加拉太书 3:13; 使徒行传 20:28; 路加福音 24:21; 提多书 2:14; 希伯来书 9:11及下文; 以弗所书 1:7, 14; 歌罗西书 1:14。

“救赎、赎身 (Redemption)”这个词的意思是, 用赎金来换取自由。对于基督徒来说, 这个赎金就是指耶稣基督的死亡, 也就是主耶稣在十字架上面之流血牺牲。

基督在十字架上面的死亡, 偿付了那个为我们赎身的赎金, 乃是用基督自己的宝血, 参见启示录5:9及下文。正是因为基督用自己的生命为代价, 也就是用他的宝血, 买赎了我们, 我们作为基督的跟随者(基督徒), 就理所当然地应该要来服事主耶稣, 正如哥林多前书6:19及下文, 7:22及下文那里所提到的。

所有的人类都处在罪恶的咒诅之下。耶稣基督却把这个咒诅从我们身上挪开(基督为我们受了咒诅), 摆放在自己的身上(历世历代以来的人类的所有的罪, 过去现在和将来的, 都由基督来承担了), 于是我们这些信主的人, 就得以脱离了咒诅, 正如加拉太书3:13, 4:5所描述的那样。

基督付出了自己的生命, 流尽了自己的鲜血(因为生命是在血里面), 就是为了要来救赎神的教会, 正如使徒行传 20:28所说的。并且基督救赎了神的教会, 乃是要把他们当作自己的产业。

在旧约圣经最前面的五本书, 摩西五经的记载当中, 我们看到以色列人所设立的一整套的关乎献祭的系统, 乃是为日后基督在十字架上面的牺牲提供了背景资料。基督在十字架上面的受难, 乃是一个发生在公元33年前后的历史事件。在旧约圣经的时代, 那些被用来献祭的公牛和山羊的血是常常要流出来的, 这些都是作为那先前的预表(the type), 而在新约圣经的时代, 基督的宝血则是一次性地流出, 就彻底地为万人成就了赎罪的工作, 那正是后来的本体(the anti-type)。

基督的救赎工作, 把所有相信他的信徒们, 从那个罪恶辖管之下的奴隶交易市场当中释放出来, 得着了真正的自由。我们当初都是罪的奴隶。基督买赎我们所偿付的赎金, 就是主耶稣自己在十字架上面所流出的生命之宝血。

基督为我们付出了的救赎之代价, 换取了我们的自由, 使我们能够来服事神。

基督那个伟大的救赎行动, 应该激励我们这些信徒来自愿地服事主, 成为主的奴仆。因为我们需要记住, 在过去我们都曾经是在罪中做了魔鬼撒旦的奴隶, 现在我们则是成为了基督的奴仆, 能够自由地来服事基督了, 正如歌罗西书 1:13及下文所说的那样。

现在请你来祷告, 感谢耶稣基督, 因为他已经将那样宝贵的救赎赐给了你。也请你今天去告诉一位还没有信主的朋友, 说基督已经替他死了。他只需要相信, 就可以得着这个宝贵的救赎。正如约翰福音 3:16所记载的。

Redemption

1 Peter 1:18f; Revelation 5:9f; 1 Corinthians 6:19f, 7:22f; Galatians 3:13; Acts 20:28; Luke 24:21; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 9:11f; Ephesians 1:7, 14; Colossians 1:14.

Redemption means liberation because of a payment made. In relation to Christians the payment made was the death of Jesus Christ, His shed blood on the cross.

Christ's death on the cross paid the purchase price for us, which was the blood of Christ, Revelation 5:9f. And because Christ redeemed us with the price of His life, His blood, we as Christians are to serve the Lord Jesus, 1 Corinthians 6:19f, 7:22f.

All men are under the curse of sin. Jesus Christ took the curse of sin (all the sins of all the world past present and future were placed on Christ) upon Himself (Christ became a curse for us) and we as believers have been removed from the curse, Galatians 3:13, 4:5.

Christ redeemed the church of God by paying the price of His life, His blood (for the life is in the blood), Acts 20:28. And Christ redeemed the church of God for His own possession.

The whole sacrificial system established in the Pentateuch, the first 5 books of the Old Testament, is the background for the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, a one time historical event. The blood of bulls and goats were often shed in the Old Testament, the type, and the blood of Christ was once shed in the New Testament, the anti-type.

Christ redemption released believers **from the slave market of sin** where we once lived.

Christ redeemed us **by paying the price of our redemption with His shed blood** on the cross.

Christ's redemption **gave us freedom** to serve the Lord.

Christ's great redemption should motivate **believers to lose their freedom and to serve the Lord, become His slave**. Remember, in the past you were Satan's slave in sin, now we can become Christ's slave in service to Him, Colossians 1:13f.

Thank Jesus Christ now in prayer for His precious redemption He has given you. Tell an unbelieving friend today that Christ has died for them. They just need to believe it.

John 3:16