

The Wednesday Word, September 2, 2020: Purchased!

"Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18:-19).

Among the many and varied meanings of redemption in the Old Testament is the idea of making a purchase. They are one and the same. In Leviticus 25, for example, we read of how people, upon getting into financial difficulty, could sell themselves as slaves to pay their debts. They could then, at a later date, buy themselves back or if unable to do so, a near relation, a kinsman, could pay for them. In other words, they could be redeemed.

Some years ago, a young teenage girl lay on her death bed. The poor child was, understandably, concerned about her soul. Looking at her grieving mother she said, "Mum, let me ask you a question. When you pay the money for a dress or goods of any kind, haven't you a right to take your purchases home with you?"

" But of course."

The dying girl's eyes seemed to lighten up and sparkle, and she said, "This is good news, really good news, I've been thinking a lot about this. According to the Bible, Christ bought me at Calvary. He bought me with an enormous price. He actually bought me with His own blood. This, therefore, must mean that He has the right to take me home. He'll not leave me behind like a discarded shoe."

The grieving mother was momentarily stunned, then quietly bowed her head, and answered, " Yes my darling, Jesus has purchased you. He now owns you, and, when He is ready, He will take you home to be with Him forever."

I love that! Believers are bought and paid for. We are already redeemed. We are already purchased with a price, the price of God's own blood (Acts 20:28).

Do you know what we have been redeemed from? We've been redeemed from all iniquity (Titus 2:14). That's excellent news!

We were slaves to death, darkness and the devil but we have been bought and brought back by the Lord Jesus.

Do you know what He redeemed us with? He redeemed us with His precious blood the precious blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19).

Precious blood was used to buy us. When something is precious, it's scarce. Oceans of blood have flowed through the centuries but none of it purchased even one of us. Great armies have spilt countless gallons of blood but not one soul was redeemed by it. But when Christ arrived, His blood was pure, precious and perfect. At Calvary, He poured out His blood to purchase us. He'll, therefore, take care of His purchased possession.

Do you know unto whom, we have been redeemed? He redeemed us unto Himself (Titus

2:14).

Redeemed From, Redeemed With and Redeemed Unto!

What a stunning redemption!

How striking, therefore, to remember that we are not our own but are bought with a price. We are to, therefore, glorify God in our bodies, and spirits, which are God's."

And that's the Gospel Truth!