

The Wednesday Word, April 16, 2025: Jesus, Our Redemption and Ransom

We are not redeemed because we felt or experienced something. No indeed! We are redeemed because the Lord Christ bought and paid for us with His own blood some 2000 years ago. We are His purchased possession. He owns us. We have been bought with the price of His blood. (1 Corinthians 6:20). Is it any wonder then that Fanny Crosby penned the lovely hymn,

*"Redeemed how I love to proclaim it,
Redeemed by the blood of the lamb:
Redeemed by his infinite mercy,
His child and forever I am.
Redeemed, redeemed,
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed,
His child and forever I am."*

Romans 3:24 states we are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Notice this scripture informs us that our redemption is "*in Christ Jesus*." In addition, Mark 10:45 and 1 Timothy 2:6 tell us that Jesus is not only our redemption but also our ransom. Jesus didn't just come merely to pay the ransom, He came to be our ransom.

Jesus is both our redemption and ransom (Ephesians 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Mark 10:45 and 1 Timothy 2:6) These are potent truths which tell us that we already have redemption, not because we have experienced something but because we have a Redeemer who gave Himself for us.

Our Redemption is objectively found in Christ. Christ became our redeemer and actual ransom when He sacrificed Himself, took our sins and paid for us with His own blood. We could not bring our righteousness to God for we had none to bring. God, however, brought His righteousness to us, and justifies us freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Let's say it again, He (*the Lord Jesus*) is both our ransom and our redemption. Because of this we do not depend upon what we have done or upon what we feel for salvation. Indeed, the weakest believer can look to the cross and, by faith, see that their redemption has been accomplished and secured. Since their redemption is secure and the ransom paid they are safe.

We, as God's people can, therefore, cease from the never-ending carnal and foolish efforts to establish our own righteousness before God. Christ Jesus is now appearing before the Throne as our mediator who purchased His people with His own blood (see Hebrews 9:15; Hebrews 12:24; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 8:6). We are safe!

Adolph Saphir in his usual wisdom reminds us concerning Christ:

"God has only one purpose; to manifest Himself, to show forth his glory, to reveal His perfections and to show them forth in his only-begotten and well-beloved Son, and in Him as in Jesus Christ crucified. The Lamb was slain, the apostle Peter tells us before the foundation of the world. Redemption is no afterthought in God; it is His first thought; and according to the Lamb that was slain, all things were made. He is the centre of creation; He is the centre of history. He is the centre of redemption; He is the centre of glory. Christ was the Alpha in the mind of God as well as the Omega."

(Adolph Saphir: Christ Crucified: Lectures on 1 Corinthians; Chapter 4.

And that's the Gospel Truth!