

The Wednesday Word, April 23, 2025: Owned by Jesus

"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 is the idea of making a purchase. 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 redeem them (pay to have them released).

Believers have been redeemed, bought and paid for, 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. (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 spilled countless gallons of blood but not one soul was redeemed by it. But when Christ arrived, His blood was pure, precious and perfect and powerful. At Calvary, He poured out that blood to purchase us. He will, therefore, preserve His purchased possession forever.

Do you know unto whom, we have been redeemed? Christ redeemed us unto Himself and will bring us home to be with Him forever. (Revelation 5:10). Now that he has bought us, He owns us.

Have you heard the story of the young teenage girl lying on her death bed? The poor girl 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, the price of His precious 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's ready, He will take you home to be with Him forever."

We are Redeemed From,
Redeemed With,
Redeemed Unto!

What a stunning redemption!

How striking it is to remember, therefore, that we are not our own but are bought with a price. We are to glorify God in our bodies, and spirits, which are God's." (1Corinthians 6:20).

He owns us!

And that's the Gospel Truth!