

# **Understanding Redemption**

**Why it was Jesus Christ who  
had to Die For You!**



## The Redemption From Slavery

The nation Israel understood the concept of becoming a slave to someone. A past practice in Israel, that may seem very strange to us, is that of the poor selling themselves to the rich as servants because they could not support themselves, or because they owed someone money they could not pay. The person who sold himself as a servant could be released from the debt if someone in his family would redeem him (pay his debt.)

### Leviticus 25:47

*And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and **thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family:***

It was required that the person to whom he had sold himself release the servant from bondage, if a close relative could redeem him. Leviticus' list of relatives starts with brother, uncle, cousin, and then any other close kinsman. The servant could even redeem himself if he somehow became able to do so.

Leviticus 25:48-49

*After that he is sold **he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him: Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself.***

A person who sold himself to another person in Israel, might still be able to raise enough money to pay his way out, but there was, and still is, no way to redeem yourself from slavery to sin.

A person's wealth was never able to take care of sins and redeem him.

Psalm 49:6-9

*They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; **None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:) That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.***

Only God can redeem a person's soul from the power of the grave.

Psalm 49:15

***But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.***

As soon as Adam and Eve sinned, man became a servant to sin

John 8:34

*Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.***

God planned our redemption by sending His Son who, as a human, was related to everyone who has ever lived. Christ is the only one who could pay our debt to sin. Everyone else has their own sins which they cannot pay for! Because Jesus is related to every person, He is the only (sinless) person qualified to redeem the world!

Romans 5:18

Therefore as **by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation;** even so **by**

**the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.**

It starts with Adam and Eve.

Genesis 5:1-2

This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; **Male and female created he them;** and blessed them, and **called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.**

God created Adam as male and female. He called their name Adam. You know what happened next.

Genesis 2:21-23

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and **he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;** **And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Why didn't God simply make Eve like He had made Adam? Eve came out of Adam's flesh, because she had to be bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh.

Male and female started out as one flesh. At weddings we hear, "The two shall become one flesh," appears in the Bible, immediately after God takes Eve out of Adam's flesh. This happens symbolically today, when a man and woman are married.

### Genesis 2:24

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

If Eve had been formed separately out of the dust of the ground, as Adam was, she would not have been a kinsman to Adam. God knew they were going to become servants to sin and both would need a redeemer. Jesus had to be able to save everyone.

Adam and Eve were promised a redeemer when God cursed Satan. God told Satan that the seed

of the woman would bruise the head of the seed of Satan.

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Usually in the Bible, the “seed” refers to the seed of a man. Traditional inheritance is passed from father to son. This is not true in the case of Mary. It is her seed that becomes the Redeemer of mankind because, as you know, Jesus was the seed of no earthly father.

Luke takes Jesus Christ’s genealogy all the way back to the first man, Adam, to show that the Lord Jesus Christ is related to every man from the very beginning. Jesus was the kinsman to people like Adam and Eve, Abel, and Seth, and Noah, and Job.



## The Redemption of Israel

When God called Abram (later named Abraham by God) out from his family and country to become the father of many nations, He promised him that his descendants would get a kingdom. Later on, they found that this kingdom would get a King from David's line to reign over Israel forever. This king would also be the promised Redeemer who would also redeem them all from their sins.

Jesus had a human mother so He had a corruptible body like ours, but without the sin nature that we have. Our corruptible bodies do not sin by themselves. As soon as we die, our bodies, even though they are corruptible, immediately stop sinning!

Romans 6:7

*For he that is dead is freed from sin.*

The writer of Hebrews tells us that Christ (he that sanctifieth) and the Jews (they who are sanctified) are brethren. Jesus was a kinsman to the Jews.

### Hebrews 2:11

*For both **he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,***

It is absolutely vital that Jesus is a flesh-and-blood kinsman to be a redeemer. And the Bible makes it very clear that Mary was Jesus' natural mother. The repetition of this fact so many times means it is very important.

The second chapter of Matthew uses the phrase, "the young child and his mother," 5 times in 10 verses. God wants us to know that Mary is truly the mother of Jesus, not a surrogate.

### Matthew 2:11

*And when they were come into the house, **they saw the young child with Mary his mother,** and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.*

### Matthew 2:13-14

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream,

saying, Arise, and take **the young child and his mother**, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. *When he arose, he took **the young child and his mother** by night, and departed into Egypt:*

Matthew 2:20

*Saying, Arise, and take **the young child and his mother**, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.*

Matthew 2:21

*And he arose, and took **the young child and his mother**, and came into the land of Israel.*

Below, the use of “Joseph and his mother” emphasizes the fact the Joseph was not Jesus’ natural father but Mary was his natural mother.

Luke 2:33

*And **Joseph and his mother** marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.*

Luke 2:42-43

*And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; **and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.***

But Mary needed a redeemer just as much as everyone else. She called Him “Lord,” even though she was His mother. She knew that He would be her savior.

Luke 1:46-47

***And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.***

It is very important that you understand that Jesus was genetically related to Mary, just as all human children are related to their birth mothers. God could not fulfill the promises of a redeemer who would come from the line of David if Jesus had not been from the line of David!

And we know that God does not lie.

Numbers 23:19

***God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?***

Jesus' lineage and birthplace are found many places in prophesy.

John 7:42

***Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?***

It is clear that Jesus shared the DNA of king David which we know was passed through His mother Mary. "The fruit of thy body" leaves no doubt.

Psalm 132

***The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.***

Even though Jesus redeemed everyone from sin through His death, burial, and resurrection, Israel did not accept His salvation. God set Israel aside.

Acts 28:26-27

*Saying, **Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.***

**Jesus: Our Redeemer**

God has temporarily stopped working with the nation Israel and sent His salvation straight to the Gentiles!

Acts 28:28

*Be it known therefore unto you, that **the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.***

Christ is our redeemer, too. We are not under law today so if you are confused about using the law of the kinsman redeemer to save us from our sin, you are not alone.

Romans 10:4

***For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.***

The apostle Paul was the man chosen to be the apostle to the Gentiles. What he wrote in the Bible, the books of Romans through Philemon in the New Testament, are the books he wrote to us.

2 Timothy 1:11

***Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.***

Jews have no special status since God set them aside and began to work with Gentiles. Like the Gentiles, Jews must have faith in Christ's redeeming work alone for salvation. We believers who are "in Christ" are considered as Abraham's seed (because Christ is Abraham's seed) and therefore, recipients of the promises

given to Abraham's seed. Don't be misled, we have not replaced the Jews, we are simply beneficiaries of the blessings promised to Abraham when God told him that in him all of the nations of the earth would be blessed.

In Romans, there is a distinction made about children who are the seed of Abraham. Paul says that not all children of Abraham are the seed of Abraham—which is usually how the word is used. Only the children of the promise (through Isaac and then through Jacob) are the ones considered to be the seed of Abraham (Israel.)

Romans 9:7-8

***Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.***

Maybe you can imagine that the Jews did not take the news of God setting them aside and Paul's apostleship to the Gentiles very well. They had always been God's chosen people. Now, God



was working with the Gentiles, too, and the Jews no longer enjoyed their favored status.

Acts 13:45-48

*But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, **It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.** For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, **I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.** And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.*

But Paul tells us not to think of ourselves as better than the Jews who rejected their Redeemer.

Romans 3:9-11

*What then? **are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;** As it is written, *There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.**

Today, we believers (Jews and Gentiles alike) are God's chosen people. Christ redeemed (paid for) us to free us from sin and purify us to be His peculiar people.

Titus 2:14

***Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.***

As a matter of fact, we are new creatures!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Believers today do not have a national affiliation, they are members of a group called the Church, the Body of Christ. Members of the Church, the Body of Christ come from all nations. This church's only membership requirement is that you believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ as payment for your sins, and that alone, for your salvation.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

*Moreover, brethren, I **declare unto you the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:***

God will continue to work with Gentiles until the "fullness of the Gentiles be come in." That is when the Church, the Body of Christ will be caught up in the clouds of heaven with Christ.

### Thessalonians 4:16-17

*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.***

So how is Christ our redeemer, if we are not under the Law? We were slaves (servants) to sin just as the nation of Israel was.

### Romans 6:17-18

***But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness***

### Romans 6:20-22

***For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to***

***God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.***

The image of payment is throughout Paul's explanation of our redemption. Christ paid for us and now we are His servants.

1 Corinthians 7:23

***Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.***

1 Corinthians 6:20

***For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.***

Ephesians 1:14

***Which is the earnest of our inheritance until **the redemption of the purchased possession**, unto the praise of his glory.***

The payment Christ made to redeem us from our slavery to sin was His blood.

Acts 20:28

*Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, **to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.***

Ephesians 1:7

***In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;***

1 Timothy 2:5-6

*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, **the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.***

We were adopted by God as His sons and daughters.

Galatians 4:5

***To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons***

We are justified by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. It is the law of faith and not the law of works now. God's Law

had always required works to show faith. Now the law is the law of faith and faith alone.

Romans 3:27-30

*Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.*

*Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is one God, which shall **justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.***

The curse of the Law was the penalty for sin: death. Christ paid for us, redeemed us, from that curse. We received the blessing of Abraham through Jesus Christ and the promise of the Holy Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:13-14

***Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.***

Remember God told Abraham that in him all the families of the earth would be blessed.

Genesis 12:2-3

***And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.***

Our faith in Christ Jesus unites us as God's children. We are part of the Church, the Body of Christ, and because Christ is of Abraham's seed, we are, too. We are heirs with Christ of God's promise.

Galatians 3:26-29

***For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.***



Romans 8:16-17

***The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.***

At the rapture, God's work with the Gentiles will be complete. God will then pick up where He left off with the nation Israel, as His chosen people under the Law. The Gentiles left on earth will then be required to go through the nation Israel for salvation.

### **Redeemer of the Future**

Christ has already redeemed—purchased—everyone (past, present and future) by offering His body as a sacrifice for sins. He offered that one sacrifice and it will last forever.

Hebrews 10:10-11

***By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and***

*offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:*

Hebrews tells us that after He sacrificed Himself, Jesus sat down at the right hand of God until His enemies are made His footstool.

Hebrews 10:12-14

***But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.***

The Jews of the future, who have already been redeemed, will have their sins blotted out when the “times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord,” which is His second coming to set up His Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

Acts 3:18-21

***But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may***

***be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.***

Don't be misled. Just because Christ redeemed everyone, not everyone has accepted His redemption. Some have rejected Christ and want to remain servants to sin. They will be judged in the last day.

John 12:48

***He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.***

When Christ comes to earth to set up His Kingdom, there will be no more need for sin offerings. Christ will have put His Law into believers' hearts and in their minds so they will follow the Law.

Hebrews 10:15-17

***Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant***

*that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And **their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.***

Isaiah 59:20

***And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.***

The Jews will once again be God's peculiar people and Israel will rule the world.

Isaiah 66:23-24

And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.