

Series: Without Question, # 6

The Death of the Redeemer

Redeem is actually a financial word, meaning to buy back. Read Leviticus 25 & 27 to understand the concept of redemption.

Think about the death of Jesus on the cross, for your redemption:

- 1) Does it bother you to think of yourself as 'property', as belonging to someone?
- 2) Does that contradict the truth that we are free in Christ?
- 3) Who you were bought back from; who was your previous 'owner'?

Colossians 1:14 In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Psalms 103:4 He redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

Psalms 107:2 Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story, those he redeemed from the hand of the foe.

Isaiah 43:1 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have summoned you by name, you are mine.

Luke 1:68 Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

Galatians 3:13-14 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole. He redeemed us in order that... by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

1 Peter 1:18-19 It was not with perishable things that you were redeemed from your empty way of life, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Redemption

Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

Isaiah 53:10-11

Who is the Redeemer?

The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself. The Redeemer had to be truly human and truly God.

1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 2:17, Acts 2:24

Why was it necessary for Christ the Redeemer to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness and everlasting life.

Colossians 1:21-22

Prayer: O Reconciling One, we accept the salvation we do not deserve. Precious Redeemer, you glorified the Father by obeying him all the way to the cross. Because of your death we can live eternally. With this knowledge, help us to face our own deaths with courage, faith and hope. Amen.