Redemption and Ransom

The Atonement · Christology

Redemption language pervades Scripture's description of Christ's work. We were slaves to sin, held captive by Satan, under the curse of the law—and Christ paid the ransom price to set us free. This redemption is not paid to Satan (as if he had legitimate claims) but represents the costly price of our deliverance. Christ's blood is the purchase price. We are bought with a price and no longer belong to ourselves. This redemption is comprehensive—delivering us from sin's penalty, power, and ultimately its presence. The Exodus from Egypt foreshadowed this greater exodus accomplished through Christ's blood.

Key Verses

1 Peter 1:18-19

Forasmuch as ye know that ye 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.

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Galatians 3:13

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us.

Ephesians 1:7

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

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.

Revelation 5:9

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.

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.

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