

EPHESIANS SERIES

'IN CHRIST JESUS'

Session Three

REDEMPTION

Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood...

Definition of redemption: Obtaining release from slavery by payment of a ransom.

1. Need for redemption

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law...

Titus 2:14 ...who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness.

John 8:34 Jesus replied 'I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

2. A closer look at redemption

In the Old Testament God is often referred to as Redeemer.

For example: Psalm 78:35

They remembered that God was their Rock, that God Most High was their Redeemer.

Role of the 'Goel' – the 'kinsman-redeemer'

A male relative who had the privilege or responsibility to act on behalf of a relative who was in trouble, danger or need.

Specifically:

- To redeem (buy back) land that a poor relative has sold outside the family
- To redeem (buy back) a relative who had been sold into slavery
- To avenge the killing of a relative
- To provide an heir for a brother who had died

Example: Ruth and Boaz

Naomi and Ruth (daughter-in-law) both penniless, without a male protector. Boaz is their Goel, their kinsman redeemer

Key points:

- Redemption is a family business
- Ruth requested Boaz (her kinsman redeemer) to cover her with his protection, redeem her and make her his wife (Ruth 3:9)

- Jesus (our brother Hebrews 2:11) redeems us, makes us his bride. He is our true Kinsman Redeemer

3. The Ransom

A costly purchase 1 Peter 1:18-19

Significant implications 1 Corinthians 6:20

- Under 'New Management'
- Not your own (bought with a price)

4. Living in our redemption

Context Romans 6:1-10

Key verse Romans 6:11

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God **in Christ Jesus**