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The Saving and Transforming Work of God

A Quick Reference Guide Series

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This guide is intended for personal Bible study, discipleship, teaching, and spiritual encouragement. It is designed as a biblical quick reference resource to help readers better understand God's Word and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. It is not intended to replace personal Bible study, prayer, or active involvement in a Christ-centered local church.

Every effort has been made to present Scripture faithfully and accurately according to its historical and biblical context. Readers are encouraged to examine the Scriptures for themselves and allow the Holy Spirit to guide their understanding as they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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“Pointing people to the hope, healing, and transformation found in Jesus Christ.”

“Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.”

2 Peter 3:18



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About This Series

The Saving and Transforming Work of God is a collection of quick reference guides designed to help believers understand the major works God accomplishes in the life of every follower of Jesus Christ. While each guide focuses on one essential biblical doctrine, together they present a unified picture of God's gracious work to save, justify, redeem, and continually transform His people into the likeness of His Son.

Although each guide may be read independently, they are designed to complement one another. Reading them in order—Salvation, Justification, Redemption, and Spiritual Formation—provides a clear progression through God's work of bringing sinners into a relationship with Himself and faithfully completing the work He begins in every believer.

This Series Includes

1. **What God Says About Salvation**
2. **What God Says About Justification**
3. **What God Says About Redemption**
4. **What God Says About Spiritual Formation**

Theme Scripture

“For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”

Romans 8:29

My prayer is that these guides will encourage you to open God's Word, deepen your understanding of biblical truth, strengthen your faith, and inspire you to walk more closely with Jesus Christ each day.



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A Quick Reference Guide Series

What God Says About Redemption

Understanding How Jesus Christ Paid the Price to Set Us Free from Sin and Make Us His Own

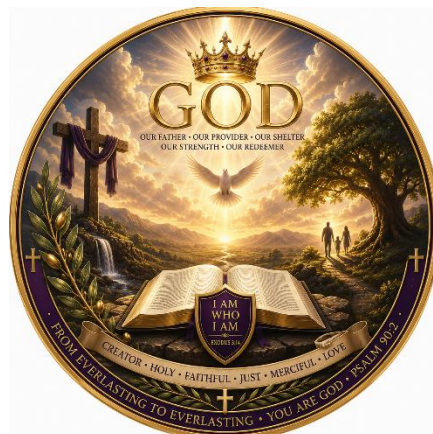
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Ephesians 1:7-8

What You Will Discover

Through this guide, you will discover:

- What the Bible teaches about redemption.
- Why does every person need to be redeemed from the bondage and penalty of sin?
- How Jesus Christ paid the full price for our redemption through His death on the cross.
- What it means to be forgiven, set free, and made God's own possession.
- How redemption reveals God's love, grace, mercy, and faithfulness.
- Why are redeemed believers called to live for the One who purchased them with His precious blood?



Introduction

Throughout the Bible, the theme of redemption reveals the incredible love, grace, and faithfulness of God. From the first promise of a coming Savior in Genesis to the completed work of Jesus Christ on the cross, Scripture tells the story of a God who willingly paid the price to rescue His people from the bondage of sin and restore them to Himself. Redemption is at the very heart of the Gospel because it reveals the great cost of our salvation and the immeasurable value God places on those He calls His own.

The word redemption means to buy back, to set free by paying a price. Humanity was enslaved by sin and separated from God, unable to free itself. Out of His great love, God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the price we could never pay. Through His sacrificial death and victorious resurrection, Jesus secured our redemption once and for all. His blood became the purchase price that brings forgiveness, freedom, reconciliation, and the promise of eternal life to all who believe in Him.

Understanding redemption helps us see the depth of Christ's sacrifice and the greatness of God's grace. It reminds us that we do not belong to ourselves—we have been purchased by Christ and called to live for His glory. Redemption is not simply about being rescued from something; it is also about being brought into a restored relationship with God and becoming His treasured possession.

This quick reference guide has been designed to help you discover what God's Word teaches about redemption by bringing together key Scriptures and foundational biblical truths in one place. Whether you are studying for personal growth, leading a Bible study, discipling others, or simply seeking a deeper understanding of God's saving work, my prayer is that this guide will deepen your appreciation for the price Jesus paid and strengthen your gratitude for the freedom you have in Him.

As you read these passages, ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand the greatness of Christ's redeeming work. May your study lead you to worship the One who gave His life to purchase your freedom and inspire you to live each day as someone who has been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.



Why Study Redemption?

Redemption is one of the most beautiful truths revealed in Scripture because it shows the tremendous price Jesus Christ willingly paid to rescue us from sin and restore us to God. Every person is born under the power of sin and unable to free themselves from its penalty or its bondage. Left to ourselves, we could never purchase our own freedom or earn our way back into a right relationship with God. Yet because of His great love, God provided the perfect Redeemer—His Son, Jesus Christ.

Studying redemption helps us understand the depth of God's love and the immeasurable value of Christ's sacrifice. The cross was not merely an act of suffering; it was the payment that secured our forgiveness, satisfied God's justice, and purchased our freedom forever. Through Christ's redeeming work, believers are no longer slaves to sin but are forgiven, adopted into God's family, and given the hope of eternal life.

Understanding redemption also reminds us that our lives are no longer our own. Because we have been bought with a price, we are called to live for the glory of God with hearts full of gratitude and obedience. Redemption changes both our identity and our purpose. We no longer live as captives to sin but as people who have been set free through the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

A clear understanding of redemption fills the believer's heart with worship, humility, and thanksgiving. It strengthens our confidence in God's saving work and reminds us that the price of our freedom has already been paid in full. As we grow in our understanding of redemption, we are drawn to love Christ more deeply and to faithfully follow the One who gave Himself to redeem us.

As you study this guide, reflect on the greatness of God's love and the sacrifice of His Son. May these truths inspire you to worship your Redeemer, treasure His grace, and joyfully live as one who has been purchased by His precious blood.

What God Says About Redemption

Definition

Redemption is God's gracious work of purchasing sinners out of the bondage and penalty of sin through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through His blood, believers are forgiven, set free, reconciled to God, and made His own possession. Redemption is God's act of rescuing us from slavery to sin and bringing us into the freedom and new life found in Christ.



Teaching	Primary Scripture	What God Is Teaching
Redeemed Through Christ's Blood	Ephesians 1:7	Jesus paid the full price for our redemption through His blood, providing forgiveness according to God's abundant grace.
Christ Gave Himself as Our Ransom	Mark 10:45; 1 Timothy 2:5–6	Jesus willingly gave His life as the ransom that purchased our freedom from sin and death.
Bought with a Price	1 Corinthians 6:19–20	Believers belong to God because they have been purchased by Christ and are called to glorify Him with their lives.
Redeemed from the Curse of the Law	Galatians 3:13–14	Christ became a curse for us so that we could receive God's blessing and the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Set Free from Sin	Romans 6:6–18	Through Christ's redeeming work, believers are no longer slaves to sin but are free to live in righteousness.
The Lamb Who Purchased a People for God	Revelation 5:9–10	Jesus, the Lamb of God, redeemed people from every nation through His sacrificial death and made them a kingdom of priests to serve God.

Understanding God's Gift of Redemption

Redemption is one of the clearest demonstrations of God's love and grace. It is the work of God by which Jesus Christ paid the full price to rescue us from the bondage, penalty, and power of sin. Because of His sacrificial death on the cross and His victorious resurrection, believers have been purchased for God, forgiven of their sins, and given new life in Christ.



Before coming to Christ, every person is spiritually separated from God and held captive by sin. No amount of good works, religious effort, or personal sacrifice could ever free us from our guilt or restore our relationship with God. Out of His infinite love, God sent His Son to become our Redeemer. Jesus willingly gave His life as the perfect sacrifice, satisfying God's justice and accomplishing what we could never do for ourselves.

Redemption is a completed work of Christ. When we place our faith in Jesus, we are forgiven, set free from sin's condemnation, and brought into God's family. We no longer belong to our old way of life; we now belong to Christ, who purchased us with His own blood. Our identity has changed, our future has been secured, and we have been called to live for the glory of the One who redeemed us.

Understanding redemption fills our hearts with gratitude and worship. It reminds us that our salvation came at an immeasurable cost—the life of God's own Son. Because of Christ's redeeming work, we can live each day with hope, freedom, and confidence, knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of God that is found in Jesus Christ.

Redemption Reminds Us That:

- God Himself provided the Redeemer.
- Jesus willingly gave His life to pay the price for our redemption.
- Christ's blood secured our forgiveness and freedom from sin.
- We have been bought with a price and belong to God.
- We have been set free to live in obedience and righteousness.
- Our old life no longer defines who we are in Christ.
- Redemption reveals both God's perfect justice and His amazing grace.
- Our lives should reflect gratitude, worship, and faithful service to the One who redeemed us.

Redemption is far more than being rescued from sin—it is being brought into a restored relationship with God through Jesus Christ. As those who have been redeemed by His precious blood, we are called to live each day in freedom, gratitude, and faithful obedience, reflecting the love and grace of our Redeemer to the world around us.



What Redemption Reveals About God

Redemption reveals the heart of God in a profound and personal way. It demonstrates that God is not distant from His creation or indifferent to humanity's brokenness. Instead, He is the loving Redeemer who took the initiative to rescue sinners by providing His own Son as the perfect sacrifice. Throughout Scripture, redemption displays God's holiness, justice, mercy, grace, and unwavering love working together to accomplish His plan of salvation.

Through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ, we see that God did not ignore sin or lower His perfect standard of righteousness. Instead, He satisfied His justice through the sacrifice of His Son while extending mercy and forgiveness to all who believe. Redemption is the beautiful meeting place of God's justice and His love, where the penalty for sin was fully paid and the way to reconciliation with Him was made possible.

Redemption Reveals That God Is:

- **Loving** — He willingly gave His only Son to redeem those who could not save themselves.
- **Gracious** — He freely offers redemption as a gift that could never be earned.
- **Merciful** — He provides forgiveness instead of the judgment we deserve.
- **Just** — He fully satisfied the penalty for sin through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- **Faithful** — He fulfilled His promise to send the Redeemer foretold throughout Scripture.
- **Holy** — He cannot overlook sin, yet He made a way for sinners to be restored to Himself.
- **Compassionate** — He sees our helpless condition and lovingly acts on our behalf.
- **Sovereign** — His plan of redemption was established before the foundation of the world and accomplished according to His perfect purpose.
- **Redeemer** — He rescues, restores, and makes His people His treasured possession through Jesus Christ.



The doctrine of redemption reminds us that God's love is not merely spoken—it is demonstrated through the sacrifice of His Son. Because of His redeeming grace, believers have been rescued from the bondage of sin, restored to fellowship with God, and given the hope of eternal life. As we grow in our understanding of redemption, our hearts are drawn to worship the God who loved us enough to pay the greatest price so that we could belong to Him forever.

What Redemption Means for the Believer

Redemption is more than a biblical doctrine—it is the reality of every person who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ. Through His sacrificial death and resurrection, Jesus has paid the price to redeem us from the bondage of sin and bring us into a restored relationship with God. Because of His redeeming work, our past no longer defines us, our future is secure in Christ, and our lives now have a new purpose.

As redeemed people, we no longer belong to the kingdom of darkness but to the kingdom of God's beloved Son. We have been forgiven, adopted into God's family, and given the privilege of living as His children. Our freedom in Christ is not freedom to live as we please; it is freedom to love God, obey His Word, and serve others with grateful hearts. The One who redeemed us has also called us to reflect His character in the way we live each day.

Redemption also gives believers confidence during life's trials. No matter what struggles, failures, or hardships we face, we can rest in the assurance that we belong to Christ. Nothing can change the price He paid or separate us from His love. Our identity is no longer found in our past, our accomplishments, or our failures—it is found in the Redeemer who purchased us with His precious blood.

Because We Have Been Redeemed:

- We have been forgiven of our sins through Jesus Christ.
- We have been set free from the bondage and penalty of sin.
- We belong to God because we have been bought with the blood of Christ.
- We have been adopted into God's family as His children.
- We have received a new identity in Christ.
- We have the hope and promise of eternal life.
- We are called to live lives that honor the One who redeemed us.
- We are free to serve God with gratitude, love, and joyful obedience.
- We can live with confidence, knowing that nothing can separate us from God's love.



Redemption changes everything. It reminds us that our lives have been purchased at an immeasurable cost and are now lived for the glory of God. As those who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, we are called to walk in freedom, live with gratitude, and faithfully reflect His love and grace to a world that desperately needs the hope found in Him.

Living This Truth

Redemption is not only something to celebrate—it is a truth that should shape the way we live every day. Jesus Christ gave His life to purchase our freedom from sin and make us God's own possession. Because we have been redeemed, we are no longer defined by our past, controlled by sin, or separated from God. Instead, we are called to live as people who belong to Christ, reflecting His love, grace, and holiness in our daily lives.

Take time to consider what God's Word teaches about redemption and allow these truths to deepen your gratitude for the sacrifice Jesus made on your behalf.

Questions for Personal Reflection

1. Do I truly understand the price Jesus paid to redeem me?
2. Am I living with gratitude for Christ's sacrifice, or have I begun to take His grace for granted?
3. Is my identity rooted in being redeemed by Christ rather than in my past failures or present circumstances?
4. Are there areas of my life where I still live as though I am bound by sin instead of walking in the freedom Christ has given me?
5. How can my life better reflect the One who purchased me with His precious blood?
6. Who can I encourage this week by sharing the hope of God's redeeming love?



Living Out the Truth

This week, choose one way to put this truth into practice:

- Thank God each day for the redemption you have through Jesus Christ.
- Read Ephesians 1 and reflect on the blessings that are yours in Christ.
- Memorize Ephesians 1:7 or 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 as a reminder that you have been redeemed and belong to God.
- Identify one area where you need to live more fully in the freedom Christ has given you and ask God to help you walk in obedience.
- Share your testimony or the message of Christ's redeeming love with someone who needs hope and encouragement.

Each day, remember that you have been purchased by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Live with confidence, freedom, and gratitude, knowing that your Redeemer has made you His own. Let your life be a testimony of His amazing grace as you faithfully follow Him and point others to the hope found in Jesus Christ.





A Prayer of Gratitude

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for Your incredible love and for the priceless gift of redemption through Your Son, Jesus Christ. I am humbled that while I was still lost in sin, You chose to rescue me by paying the greatest price imaginable. Thank You for sending Jesus to give His life so that I could be forgiven, set free, and restored to a right relationship with You.

Thank You for purchasing me with the precious blood of Christ and making me Your own. Because of Your redeeming grace, I no longer have to live as a slave to sin or carry the weight of my past. Instead, I have been given new life, a new identity, and the assurance that I belong to You forever.

Help me never to forget the cost of my redemption. Fill my heart with gratitude each day and teach me to live in a way that honors the sacrifice Jesus made on my behalf. Let my words, my actions, and my life reflect the love, grace, and mercy You have shown to me.

May I faithfully serve You with joy, love others as You have loved me, and boldly share the hope of the Gospel with those who have not yet experienced the freedom found in Christ. Thank You for being my Redeemer, my Savior, and my faithful God.

All glory, honor, and praise belong to You alone.

In the precious name of Jesus Christ, I pray.

Amen.





A Prayer for the Reader

Heavenly Father,

I lift up each person who has read this guide and ask that You would deepen their understanding of the wonderful gift of redemption. Open their hearts to see the depth of Your love and the immeasurable price Jesus Christ paid to rescue them from sin and bring them into a restored relationship with You. For those who carry guilt, shame, fear, or the weight of their past, remind them that through Christ they have been forgiven, redeemed, and made new. Help them to believe that their identity is no longer found in their failures but in the Redeemer who purchased them with His precious blood.

Strengthen their faith each day and teach them to live in the freedom You have given them. Fill them with gratitude for Your grace, courage to follow Jesus faithfully, and wisdom to reflect His love in every area of their lives. May they grow in obedience, trust, and joyful worship as they remember that they belong to You. As they continue their journey of faith, help them to treasure the sacrifice of Christ and to live with the confidence that nothing can separate them from Your love. May their lives become a testimony of Your redeeming power, bringing hope and encouragement to those who are searching for truth and new life in Jesus Christ.

I pray that Your Holy Spirit will continue transforming their hearts, strengthening their faith, and drawing them ever closer to You. May they walk each day with the assurance that they have been redeemed, forgiven, and forever held in Your loving hands.

I ask all these things in the powerful and precious name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Continue Your Journey

Understanding redemption deepens our appreciation for God's love and Christ's sacrifice. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus paid the full price for our sin, rescued us from its bondage, and restored us to a right relationship with the Father. We no longer belong to our old way of life; we belong to Christ.

Redemption is not the end of God's work in us. Through the Holy Spirit, He continues to renew our minds, shape our hearts, and transform us into the likeness of Jesus. This lifelong process of spiritual formation, or sanctification, teaches believers to grow in Christlikeness and live in obedience to God's Word.

To continue growing in your understanding of God's Word, I encourage you to explore the other Bible Reference Guides and studies available throughout this ministry library.

Continue seeking the Lord through His Word, trusting His promises, and walking daily with Him. The God who redeemed you is also faithfully transforming you. As you surrender your life to Him, He will continue to shape your heart, strengthen your faith, and use your life for His glory.

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