

RADICAL REDEMPTION

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Three reasons redemption can radically change our lives:

I. The _____ of redemption.

1Peter 1:18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were **redeemed** from the **empty way of life** handed down to you from your forefathers.

A. To free us from the _____ of sin.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

John 8:34 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a **slave to sin**."

John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

II. The _____ of redemption.

1 Peter 1:19 but with the precious **blood of Christ**, a lamb without blemish or defect.

A. Only the _____ of Jesus could pay for our sins!

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 9:12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own **blood**, having obtained eternal redemption.

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

III. The _____ to redemption.

1Peter 1:20 He was **chosen** before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

1Peter 1:21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your **faith** and **hope** are in God.

A. Only those who _____ will be redeemed.

1. _____.

Acts 17:30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to **repent**.

2. _____.

John 1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...

3. _____.

Romans 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

IV. Summary:

A. God redeemed us from power of **sin** by power of His _____!

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think of when you consider the word *redeemed*? Compare that to the biblical meaning which is: "To buy out, set free, or to purchase back, specifically in reference to the purchase of a slave's freedom."
2. Jesus tells us that when we sin we are "slaves to sin" (John 8:34). Can you think of an example when you, or someone you know, seemed like they were enslaved to their sin?
3. Have you ever paid off a debt? How did that make you feel?
4. God offers the "gift" of redemption to all who ask for it (John 1:12). Tell us about your own redemption story.

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