

## INSIGHT

There are three words that mean so much to the true believer: *Redeem*, *Redemption* and *Redeemer*. Redeem: to pay the required price to secure the release of a convicted criminal. Redemption: the process involved. Redeemer: The person making the payment. These three words describe what Christianity is all about: you and I (the convicted criminals), the blood shed on the cross (the process involved), and Jesus (the One making the payment). For the true disciple of Christ, the saying is true: “*My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you-- I, whom you have redeemed*” (Ps 71:23) because he or she has come to an understanding that “...*all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus!*” (Rom 3:23-24)

The New Testament centers redemption in Jesus Christ. The Scripture says He purchased the church (the congregation of the saints) with His own blood (Acts 20:28), gave His flesh for the life of the world (John 6:51), as the Good Shepherd laid down His life His sheep (John 10:11) and demonstrated the greatest love by laying down His life for His friends (John 15:13). The purpose of Jesus in the world was to make a deliberate sacrifice of Himself for human sin. He did something you and I couldn't do for ourselves: He brought hope by providing redemption from sin and fellowship with the Eternal Father. As a Suffering Servant, His was a costly sacrifice: the shameful and agonizing death of a Roman cross. New testament redemption thus speaks of substitutionary sacrifice demonstrating divine love and righteousness. His sacrifice causes the true believer to have a Father-son relationship with God (John 1:12), a new life (2 Cor. 5:17; Rom 6:4), continual mercy through the blood of Christ (1 John 1:7-9;2:1), a call to humility (James 3:13), and a future home in heaven (John 14:1-2)! **Amen!**

## *The Life in Christ* *The Redeemed Life*

### **Key Text:** 1 Peter 1:18-19

*"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, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."*

### **Theme:**

The consideration of our redemption ought to be a constant and powerful influence to holiness and the fear of God. Neither silver nor gold, can redeem so much as one soul. They are corruptible, and therefore cannot redeem an incorruptible and immortal soul. The blood of Jesus Christ is the only price for our redemption. The design of Christ in shedding His most precious blood was to redeem us, not only from eternal misery, but from the ways of this world. Have you been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb? Are you living the sanctified life?

### **Application:**

Here are some practical suggestions:

1. **Pray daily to God!** Relationships are built with communication. Keep an open channel of communication between you and God. Speak to Him daily!
2. **Let God communicate with you!** Communication is a two-way street. God wants to speak to you: Read His Word daily and apply it to your life!
3. **Thank God for salvation!** The scriptures teach us to be thankful in prayer (Col 4:2). Thank Him everyday for redeeming you!
4. **Tell others!** What good is it if you keep the love of Christ within? Therefore, share the wonderful redemption story with others so

they to can know of God's saving grace!

**May the Lord richly bless you!**

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**The Redeemed Life**

**I. The Redeemed**

**A. Mephibosheth--2 Samuel**

1. Son of Jonathan
  - a. Belonged to a royal line but made crippled by a fall (4:4)
  - b. Lived in exile, remembered because of a covenant (1 Sam. 20:14-17; 2 Sam. 9:3,4)
  - c. Exalted by the merits of another (9:5,7)
  - d. Given a glorious inheritance (9:9)
  - e. The only concern was to see the king (19:30)

**B. The Saved Sinner--Eph 2**

1. Crippled by sin
  - a. We were dead in our sins (vs 1)
  - b. We lived in exile from God (vs 12)
  - c. Because of Jesus (Son of David)
    - We have been exalted (vs 6)
    - We have been given a glorious inheritance, salvation (8)
    - Our only concern: His return

**II. Conclusion--John 3:18**

1. Those who believe are not condemned
2. Those who don't believe are condemned
3. Solution: Be found in Jesus!

**SMALL GROUP STUDY**

**Warm-up:**

How would you feel if someone whom you avoided and feared gave you a great inheritance?

**See To It**            **1 Sam. 20:14-17; 2 Sam 9:1-9**

1. Who was Jonathan? What agreement did David and Jonathan make between each other?
2. Long after Jonathan's death, what did David sought to do? What made this inquiry unusual?  
**Hint: Read 1 Sam. 18:6-9;19:1-2,11)**
3. Who was Mephibosheth? How did you think he felt about David prior to meeting him?
4. What do you think went through Mephibosheth's mind as he was en route to see the king?
5. What did David do? What was Mephibosheth's first response towards David's kindness?
6. On whose merit did Mephibosheth receive such great blessing?

**Seeing It Closer:**

1. How are we like Mephibosheth?
2. How is God like David in this story?
3. On whose merit do we receive such glorious blessings as mercy and eternal life?
4. To whom does God give His glorious grace to?
5. What will be the outcome of those who receive God's blessing through Christ?

**Getting To It:**

It is vital for us to always remember our former condition: lost, hopeless, and condemned people! It was the kindness of the Lord that has saved us

through the precious blood of Christ! PRAISE  
GOD! WE HAVE BEEN SAVED!