



**DATE:** 25 August 2024 AM  
**TEXT:** various  
**TITLE:** Jargon

noun: special words used by a particular group; difficult for others to understand

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;  
being justified freely by his grace through the  
redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

**Romans 3:23-24**

## INTRODUCTION

- school has started back and for the next several Sundays, I want to take advantage of the learning mindset of our schedules

a short series where we define words that are familiar, yet we might not know exactly what they mean or how to use them

**REDEMPTION = the act of God whereby Jesus Christ paid the entire demand of the law for sinful man**

- when I was growing up, we had S&H Trading Stamps (Green Stamps)

they were given out at grocery stores, department stores, and gas stations as a rewards program

the stamps would be collected into booklets and then redeemed for dishes and other household goods

- the way the program worked:

retail establishments *purchased* the stamps from Sperry & Hutchinson (S&H)

those stores in turn *gave* them out to customers

the customers *used* them as trade for goods

- from a biblical standpoint, God's redemption works in much the same way
  - in the New Testament, the image is that of a Roman slave market
  - people captured in war were brought to the city and sold...bidding, examination, etc.
  - the slaves were sold as property and faced a life-time of service to their owners
- under the Law of Moses, every human being is considered to be a **SLAVE TO SIN**

NOTE: **Romans 7** ...that which I would, I do not

**Ezekiel 18:20a**

The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

**Romans 6:23**

For the wages of sin is death...

...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

that gift is **REDEMPTION**

**Romans 3:24**

...being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

- **REDEMPTION** is the most potentially important transaction in all of life

to explain this transaction, the New Testament uses three Greek words to illustrate our life in and out of the slave market of sin

all three Greek words are translated as *redeem*, *bought*, or other various English words, but they carry subtle emphases in the original language

# 1. RANSOM *agorazo*

with this word, the emphasis is placed on the ransom price to be paid

for the slave, the price was determined by age, health, gender and other factors

for every human, the price is the same... death

...for the wages of sin is death

in *Revelation*, the angels in Heaven recognize the Lamb of God as worthy of worship because of the price He paid to redeem mankind

## **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 [paid the ransom] to God **by thy blood** out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

the ransom price was the **BLOOD OF CHRIST**

in the last days, Peter said there would be false teachers who would deny this ransom

## **2 Peter 2:1**

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them [paid the ransom], and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

and he was right...many teachers and preachers want to add to or take away from the blood of Christ in salvation

i.e. salvation by works

## 1 Corinthians 6:20

For ye are bought with a price [the ransom has been paid]: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Jesus paid the price for our redemption; it is only logical then that we would glorify God in our body and spirit, which legally belongs to Him

## 2. REMOVAL *exagorazo*

the emphasis is now on the **REMOVAL** of the one who has been redeemed out of the slave market

ex = meaning 'out of'

in *Galatians*, Paul wrote to the churches about our great Christian liberty...once we have been removed from that market, why would we choose to go back into it so as to 'earn' our salvation?

### Galatians 3:13

Christ hath redeemed us [removed us] from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

to underscore the importance of our removal from the curse, Paul tied it directly to the purpose of Christ's coming as a human:

### Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them [to remove them from] that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

### 3. RELEASE *lutron*

here, the emphasis is not only on paying the price and removing, but *releasing for all time* the one who is redeemed *from all obligations* so he may choose whom he will serve

in *Matthew*, the disciples were struggling over a place of honor in the Kingdom they believed Christ was about to establish...Jesus' response was:

#### **Matthew 20:27-28**

And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom [a release] for many.

just as Jesus willingly came to earth to die and shed His blood for our sins...

out of gratitude, we should be willing to serve the One who released us

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

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed [released] 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:

Peter reminds us that the price of our redemption was the precious blood of Christ  
not merely gold, silver, or other things

Jesus paid it all.  
All to Him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain.  
He washed it white as snow.