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Have you ever felt like you were a slave? Oh, no one could see the chains, but you knew that they were there because when you tried to break free, when you tried to get out of that bondage, when you tried to stop doing what you were doing and you knew that it was wrong, you couldn't stop. It was like you were like a slave. Listen, sin puts you up for sale and God is the one that buys you out of the slave market.

PART ONE

And it's our doctrine for the day because we've been looking at justification, that which declares us righteous. And we're declared righteous strictly as a gift and it is all by grace. But it is only possible because of the redemption that has been won for us through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. And so that's the doctrine we want to look at today. Now let me just say this, one of the things that is good to do, it's good to get yourself some tools, either

some computer tools that can help you look up the Greek meanings of words, because of all the languages that have ever been recorded, the most exact language is the Greek language. And so that's what the New Testament was written in. That's what the Old Testament was translated into. And when the Old Testament was translated into the koine Greek, k-o-i-n-e, which was the common Greek of the day, they called it the LXX, the Septuagint. So if you're ever reading a commentary and they say the LXX, you can know that that's the Septuagint. And it's what they did when they took the Old Testament and put it into Greek. Now you can look up on your computer, Greek word studies or you can look them up in books like Vines Expository Dictionary. So we want to take the word redemption and I want to give you the meaning of the word redemption. But I also want to give you the Greek word. So let's look at Romans 3, verse 24. "Being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus." All right now, this word for redemption is "a-p-o-l-u-t-r-o-s-i-s". All right, and that word has apo and then lutrosis on it. Now apo means from and it means "to loose from." And so what he's saying is that He has given us redemption, which is in Christ Jesus, He has loosed us from something. Now this word for redemption means "to loosen or to set free by paying a ransom." So this includes the payment of a fee in order to set you free. So there's redemption which is in Christ Jesus. Jesus paid the fee for you and me to be redeemed, to be bought out of the slave market of sin. Now we're not going to go into it in this study because I'm afraid it'll get too long. But there're words that talk about our redemption. There are words that talk about buying out of the market, and setting free, so it can never ever be sold again. So these are words that talk about purchasing us out of the slave market of sin so that we can be set free. Now you say, but are you sure I'm in a slave market of sin? Well haven't you been listening to the first part of Romans? He says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. There's none righteous. There's not even one. There's none that understands. There's none that seeks

after God.” So when you are born you’re born a little sinner. You are living in sin and when you live in sin you become a captive to sin. And I want to show this to you and so I want you to go to the gospel of John to the 8th chapter, John, chapter 8. And how I love this passage because it so describes what God did for me. In John, chapter 8 in verse 34, it says, “Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.’” And He goes on to say, “‘Therefore ...,’” verse 36, “‘... the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.’” Now how can He make you free from the slavery of sin? Well remember the illustration I opened up, remember the movies that you’ve seen where they have Ben Hur, remember? And he was going to be sold as a slave and how they treated him and how he was bustling and all of that. Well we’re all in that slave market of sin. We’re all upon the block and God comes along and He buys us. And it’s as if the devil is the slave master. And as they come up to purchase us he says you don’t want that person. You don’t know what they’re like. And He says, yes I do. I know what they’re like. They’re vile! They’re evil, evil to the core! You don’t want that person. I want that person. Do you know what it will cost you? And God says, yes, I know what it will cost me. And He turns and He looks at His Son and His Son nods His head yes, yes, I’ll pay the price, because it’s redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ. What is the price for your redemption? Well I want you to go to 1 Peter, chapter 1 and we want to look in 1 Peter, chapter 1. It’s near the back of the Bible. In fact you’ll find it after Hebrews, and it’s James and then it’s Peter and it’s John. So it’s 1 Peter, chapter 1 and in 1 Peter chapter 1 he says this. Verse 18, “Knowing that you were not redeemed ...,” there’s that word, “... with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your fathers.” In other words, you’re not taken out of that empty, futile, useless way of life that you inherited from your fathers by being purchased with silver or gold. Now in the slave market scenes that you and I see in the movies and in Ben Hur they pay the silver or they pay the gold, but not God.

God had to pay a higher price than silver. God had to pay a higher price than gold for you. What did He pay? Well the next verse says, “Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things, but with the precious blood of a Lamb, unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. You and I were redeemed with the blood of Jesus Christ.” So when God goes to redeem you out of the slave market of sin He understands the price that has to be paid. He turns and He looks at His Son. Why? Because His Son had to say, not My will, but Thine be done. And that’s what His Son said in the Garden of Gethsemane as He faced the agony of being crucified as the cross awaited Him. He said to the Father, if there’s another way, please, please let Me take it. And He says then, “Not My will but Thine be done.” And God’s will was this; that His Son would pay the price for your redemption. Let’s look at it again and I want to take you to Revelation, chapter 5, verse 9, Revelation, chapter 5, verse 9. And this is an awesome passage. This is a glimpse of what’s going on in heaven. And as we look at what’s going on in heaven we find the 24 elders falling before the throne and they’re crying out in verse 9. “And they sang a new song, ‘Worthy art Thou to take the book and break its seals.’” Now who was the Thou? The Thou is the Lamb of God. That’s standing before the throne. It’s the Lion of the tribe of Judah, who’s also the Lamb. And it says, “‘Worthy art Thou to take the book and break its seals for Thou was slain and did purchase for God with Thy blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nations, every tribe, every tongue, every people, every nation.’” Our brothers and sisters in eternity will be all different colors and they will be from all different nations and we will be one family because we’ve been purchased with the blood of Jesus Christ. And it goes on to say that, “Thou has made them to be a kingdom and priest unto God and they will reign upon the earth.” You and I who deserve hell, you and I who are slaves, who are captives to sin, who are addicted to sin can be set free. We can be healed totally, completely, absolutely, because that’s what redemption wins for us. It wins our release from the slavery to

sin through paying the ransom of the precious blood of the Lamb of God, the Lamb without spot, the Lamb without blemish. What does that mean? That means that Jesus had to be without sin. Jesus had to be without sin. Because if He had any sin within Him then He would have had to die for His own sin and that's why Jesus had to be born of a virgin. The Bible says in Romans 5:12 that, "By one man, by Adam sin entered into the world and death by sin, so then death passed upon all men in that all have sinned." So you and I then are scheduled for death. We're scheduled for hell. But what does Jesus do? He redeems us with His blood. And He's able to do that because He's not a sinner, because He didn't come by Adam. His Father was not traced back to the genealogy of Adam. His genealogy is traced straight to heaven. God is His Father. That's the Son of God, born of a virgin, becoming a man, yet without sin, paying the ransom price for you and for me.

PART TWO

We have seen that redemption is being delivered by paying a ransom. So we see that the redemption is in Christ. That's the only way that a person can be redeemed from the slave market of sin. But what does that redemption win for us? That's what I want us to see next, and this is so important. The redemption that we get through Jesus Christ delivers us from the curse of the law. Now let me show you this and let me take you to Galatians, chapter 3 verse 13. And you might want to mark the word redemption again in your Bible. "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law having become a curse for us. For it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.'" Now that was from the book of Deuteronomy. And the Bible said in the Torah that anyone that hangs on a tree is cursed. All right? Now what is the curse of the law? The curse of the law is explained to us in the verses just before this. And so let me read it to you. In Galatians, chapter 3, verse 10, "For as many are of the works of the law, are under a curse, for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law to

perform them.” In other words, he gives you the law, and if you don’t want to face the curse of the law, which is death, then you have to perform every single thing that was written in the book of the law. And you say that’s impossible. That’s right. And we’ve seen that it’s impossible. And we’ve seen that no matter how hard you try that you’re not going to be perfect. So our redemption has to come in another way. So the redemption that comes to us is by Jesus becoming a curse. In other words, when He hangs on that tree, when He hangs on that cross, then God takes your sins, remember, and my sins and puts them on Jesus Christ. So He redeems us from the curse of the law because He takes the punishment for us. And that’s why God can say, in Romans, chapter 8, verse 1 and you need to understand this, “There is therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the spirit of liberty in Christ has set us free from the law of sin and death.” Now let me show you one other place and that is Galatians, chapter 4. And we want to look at Galatians, chapter 4, verses 4 and 5. And this is what it says; “But when the fullness of time came God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law in order that He might redeem those who were under the law that we might receive the adoption as sons.” So when you and I are redeemed from the curse of the law, then we become the sons of God. We become the children of God. The Bible says, “As many as receive Jesus, to them He gives the power, the authority to become the children of God.” We’re adopted into His family because God, in the fullness of time, sent His Son from heaven to the womb of a virgin. There he confined Himself in that womb. There He was born a human being. There He took upon Himself the likeness of our flesh, yet without sin and then when it was time, when the hour had come, Jesus hung on that cross and, “Jesus, who knew no sin, was made to be sin for us.” So He redeems us from the curse of the law. All right now, He redeems us also from every lawless deed that we have done. And I want to take you to Titus, chapter 2, verse 14. Now all the T’s are together and they come just before Hebrews and it’s Thessalonians, it’s the longest

ones first, Thessalonians, then Timothy, then Titus. And let's look at Titus, chapter 2 and I want us to look at verse 14 because all of these things, have to do with your redemption. So now look, verse 14, "Who gave Himself", speaking of Jesus, "... for us, that He might redeem us." Now that word for redeem is "lutroo", "l-u-t-r-o-o". It's the verb, which means "to ransom". "... That He might ransom us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people of His own possession zealous for good deeds." Now listen, once you're redeemed, God does such a work in you that you then don't want to live the way you used to live. You don't want to live in that sin. You don't want to live that way. So He redeems you from those lawless deeds and He sets you free. "He purifies you so that you can be zealous for doing good deeds." This is one of the ways you know whether you've been redeemed or not, whether God has truly justified you or not, because if there's no desire to do good deeds, then you haven't been redeemed. You say how can you say that? Well, because what I want you to see is that when you and I get saved, when we get redeemed, then the Holy Spirit is put inside of us. So the minute that our redemption is sealed, the minute we are bought off of that slave market of sin, by faith and by the payment of the blood of Jesus Christ then God puts His Holy Spirit within us. So let me show you this. I want to take you to Ephesians, chapter 1. Ephesians, chapter 1, after Corinthians its General Electric Power Company. If you live in the United States, it's Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians. So in Ephesians, chapter 1 we have this awesome verse. And I'm going to read it to you by taking you to verse 13 first. It says, "In Him, in Jesus, you also after listening to the message of truth ...," In other words, you hear the message of the Word of God. All right, you hear the message of the gospel. All right, "... having listened to the message of truth, the gospel, the good news of your salvation, having also believed, you were sealed in Him, in Christ, with the Holy Spirit of promise." All right, the minute that you hear that gospel and the minute that you believe, then God seals you with the

Holy Spirit. You've opened a can of coffee or tea. What's on top of it? There's a seal on top of it. So you are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. So what happens? The Holy Spirit moves inside of you. He's there to indwell you from now all the way through your getting your brand new body. Now watch what it says. "Who, the Holy Spirit, is given as a pledge or a guarantee of our inheritance with a view to the redemption of God's own possession to the praise of His glory." Now what is he talking about? He's talking about the redeeming of His body. So the Holy Spirit in you is your guarantee, it's your ticket that proves that you have been redeemed and that some day this body, this mortal, is going to put on immortality, this corruptible is going to put on incorruptible and death will be swallowed up in victory and the grave will have no victory and death will have no victory because it can't hold your body because your body has been redeemed also. So now you have redemption. And he says, that this is your guarantee that, "The Holy Spirit guarantees you the redemption of God's own possession," what He bought out of the slave market of sin.