

Redemption and Salvation

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Redemption

Redeemed literally means “to be purchased” i.e. by someone, by blood.

It means that we will be part of the First Resurrection and will not suffer the penalty for our sins – which is “The Great White Throne Judgment” at the Second Resurrection

1 Peter 1:15-21

¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." ¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. 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, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 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.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

We don't always know when it happens. God redeems us through Christ's sacrifice, through his blood.

Redemption and believing (faith) are never found together in scripture. , but salvation and faith are found together (**1 Peter 1:5**)

John 1:11-13 (NASB)

¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Verse 13 explains **who** those that "received Him" in verse 12 are.

Saul's (Paul's) Conversion

Acts 9:1-19

¹ Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus.

⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered.

¹¹ The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Verse 15: Paul was “chosen”

John 15 12-17 (addressed to his disciples)

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Matt 28:18-20 (The Great Commission)

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Great Commission doesn't tell us to "lead people to Christ" but to "make disciples"

We baptize the redeemed and then teach them all we know about the scriptures.

Ephesians 4:10-13

¹⁰ He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

¹¹ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

The purpose of the Evangelist here in Ephesians:

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- ✚ for the work of the ministry,
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Salvation

Philippians 2:12-13

¹²Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Salvation is a future event, an ongoing process

To be “saved” means

- ✚ To enter into the Kingdom of God. Remember the record of the Rich Young Ruler in Mark 10 (especially verses 23-26).
- ✚ To be “delivered”. To be delivered to what: to the inheritance.

Hebrews 1:14, 2:3

¹⁴ Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who **will inherit salvation?**

³ how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

Hebrews 9:28 (literal translation)

And a second time, apart from sin, shall He appear unto them that await Him for salvation.

Salvation is future. Even if we are redeemed we can miss the kingdom by not staying faithful and by not continuing to do the will of the Father. When we are redeemed we will be part of that first resurrection, but remember there are 2 different outcomes to that resurrection. **(Daniel 12:2)**

Moses and the children of Israel were redeemed but we can't trace back to the exact time that it happened. It was something that God did.

Exodus 15:13 *(after the children of Israel had crossed the Red Sea)*

¹³ "In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

The children of Israel's journey to the Promised Land was a foreshadowing of our pilgrimage here towards our Promised Land which is our inheritance in the kingdom to come.

The children of Israel were to be delivered to their Promised Land by God via Moses.

Today we are to be delivered to our Promised Land by God via our High Priest, Jesus Christ and by appropriating that office.

Abraham

Abraham was promised by God that he would inherit the land and that his descendents would be “as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.” (Heb 11:12) He would inherit by faith; he “died in faith, not having received the promise... (verses 13-16). We now join into that inheritance, which is our salvation and like Abraham we haven’t received it yet, **IT’S FUTURE.**

Hebrews 11:12-16

And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Eph 1:15-18 (*Addressed to “the faithful” 1:1*)

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

Verse 18: what is “the hope to which he has CALLED us”? It’s the inheritance, our salvation. God wants us to know the riches of that.

Verse 19: “believe” in what? In the inheritance.

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith (*“faith” in what? Context = “the inheritance 1:18, therefore “faith” in the coming kingdom*) —and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Short Grammar Lesson

The verb, "having-being saved" is a perfect periphrastic (we do not have these in English). It is composed of a **present active indicative**, i.e. the verb is in the present tense and speaks of the action happening today, and a **perfect passive participle** i.e. "having been". The combination stresses that the action of the verb began in the past with it continuing into the present time.

The action of the verb "saved" here indicates that it is not yet complete; otherwise Paul would have used simply a perfect indicative.

Salvation is something that began in the past (at the time of redemption) and still continues until the Day of Judgment at the resurrection.

To recap: Salvation

Salvation is a future event and even although you are redeemed you can miss the first 1000 years of Christ's coming Kingdom by not living according to the will of the Father and staying faithful

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