



The Word at Work

Redeemed and Forgiven: The Price Has Been Paid!

Reading the Word

Key Scriptures: Ephesians 1:7-8

Key Points:

Redemption and Adoption

Both adoption and redemption go together and are about being set free from slavery.

- Adoption focuses on the change in status from slaves to sons.
- Redemption focuses on the price that was paid in order for us to be set free.

The Price Has Been Paid

The need for redemption relates to our slavery to sin – the issue of sin needed to be dealt with so that we could be redeemed; this is why it is linked to the forgiveness of sins (Eph.1:7; Col.1:14)

There was no price that we could pay to redeem ourselves from our captivity to sin; or our guilt and condemnation (Ex.21:30; Ps.49:7)

There is only one price that could be paid and *was* paid to redeem us – the blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19; Rom3:23-25a).

- To enjoy our freedom and adoption we have to realise that we have been forgiven

Redeemed from...and to.....

- *From sin to purity (Titus 2:14)*
 - Have been set free from penalty of sin
 - Are being set free from the power of sin
 - Will be set free from the presence of sin
- *From curse to blessing (Gal.3:12-14)*
 - The curse we have been set free from includes sickness (Deut.28:)
- *From law to grace (Gal.4:5)*
 - No longer trying to earn God's approval but enjoying his favour
- *From emptiness to fullness (1 Pet.1:18)*
 - Jesus give us life to the full (John 10:10)

Only the Redeemed Can Sing the New Song

Creation and the angels sing worship to the Lamb because of this glorious redemption (Rev.5:9) and only those who have been redeemed can join in this spiritual new song (Rev.14:3)

Don't allow yourself to be enslaved again – it'll stop your song. Live free and sing a new song!

Doing the Word

To Discuss:

1. How should knowing that we have been forgiven and redeemed make us feel?
2. What is the best way to show our gratitude to God for setting us free?

To Do:

1. Live free and don't become a slave to anything.

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