

Subject: *Heaven's Song of Redemption*

Scripture: *Revelation 5:8-14*

Our Christmas songs are wonderful and full of profound truth from Scripture. Heaven is a place of singing and God has given us a preview of what will sing up there. It is a song about Christ our Redeemer. Redemption is a main theme in Scripture.

The OT says a Redeemer is coming. The NT says the Redeemer has come. The OT tells about the promise of a Redeemer. The NT tells us about the person who is the Redeemer. That person is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Three ideas are prominent in this matter of redemption.

1. Three Important Truths about Redemption

A. God has redeemed His people *from something*

God redeems us from sin, from the curse, from Satan, and from the world. There are many verses that support those truths.

B. God has redeemed His people *for something*

God redeems us so that we may worship Him, serve Him, and glorify Him.

C. God has redeemed His people *by someone*

God redeems us by the work of Christ, specifically His death and shed blood on the cross. Redemption is personal and redemption is costly.

2. Three Important Reminders from Heaven's Song

A. Look back to the cross

Verse 9 – “You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by your blood.”

1 Peter 1:18-19¹⁸ *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; ¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

B. Look ahead to heaven

One day we will join the heavenly choir, and it won't be long from now.

Colossians 3:2 *Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

C. Look inside at yourself

Acts 20:28 *Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ¹⁹ *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?* ²⁰ *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

God's people are blood-bought, heaven-born, and heaven-bound.

One of our great hymns, *The Church's One Foundation*, has these words:

*From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*

Ephesians 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.*

Are you living like a blood-bought child of God ought to live?

Heaven's song of redemption is referred to in verse 9 as "a new song." That means new in quality, not new in time. It is a new song that flows out hearts made new by God's grace and power. This new song will resonate if your heart has been made new. If this song doesn't mean anything to you or make sense to you, then you can ask God to forgive you and give you a new heart that is alive and ready to live for Him.