

“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”



“PRACTICING REDEMPTION”

EPHESIANS 5:15-17; COLOSSIANS 4:5

I. WHAT IS REDEMPTION?

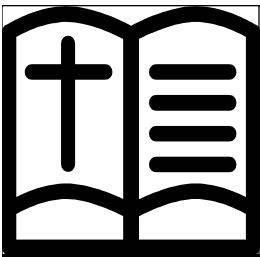
A. Apolutrosis - *to loosen away from; deliver; ransom; set free*

1. *Something that has been done for us: Rom 3:24; 1 Cor 1:30; Eph 1:7; Eph 1:14; Col 1:14; Heb 9:15*
2. *Something yet to be done for us: Luke 21:28; Rom 8:23; Eph 4:30;*

B. Exagorazo - *to buy out of the market and take it elsewhere; to liberate and put to a new use*
verses: Gal 3:13; Gal 4:5; Eph 5:16; Col 4:5

C. *Its meaning for us*

1. *The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in union with one another have set us free from our slavery to Satan to operate in a new sphere*
2. *The Three-in-One have set us free from the Old Man with whom we were born and created in us a New Man fully equipped to serve God completely - new creatures*
3. *God has set us free from the old laws of sin and death and given us a new law of freedom with which to work - new parameters and new paradigms*
4. *God has given a new mind to envision the world He intended by which we are free, empowered and unhampered to exemplify to our cursed world - order, design, processes, joy, liberty*



II. PRACTICING REDEMPTION

- A. *Connection: We have been redeemed by God in part and assigned redemptive work to be done now*
- B. *Balance: We are living in a world not yet redeemed in bodies not yet redeemed; we are not yet back to the garden; we must not work alone - co-laborers with the Holy Spirit*
- C. *Context: Integration not segregation; wholeness not division; living principles more than mechanical laws; gospel/redemption driven*
- D. *Actions*
 - 1. *Redeeming time - there, with potential Eph 5:16*
 - a. *Make kingdom use of our time Matt 6:33*
 - b. *Redeeming evil days for the Lord*
 - c. *Understanding the will of the Lord*
 - d. *Wasting no time - once gone, it is gone*
 - 2. *Redeeming the earth and its wealth*
 - a. *Order out of chaos using design, purpose and systems just as God has done Gen 1:28*
 - b. *Yards, fields, water, trees, homes*
 - c. *Making all we have to worship the Lord*
 - 3. *Redeeming lives through living the gospel*
 - a. *Loving God, loving one another*
 - b. *Loving mercy, doing justly and walking humbly with our God*
 - c. *Sharing the gospel of redemption*
 - d. *Living in harmony with one another*