

Ransom

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What does ransom mean?

- From root word to “loose.” Loose someone from prison, slavery. Literally “to release on receipt of ransom or the process of release by payment.”
 - Used of prisoners of war
 - Slaves whose freedom was bought, some would save and buy own
 - Price paid to the gods in the roman Greek temple treasuries. To appease.
- **OT:** closely linked with the idea of redeem or redemption...to buy back, save.

Bridges--definitions

“To redeem is to buy back or secure the release of someone from slavery or from captivity by the payment of a ransom. Redemption, then, is the action to secure release; the ransom is the price paid to effect the action.”

Redeem was used in OT to buy property (Lv. 25:25), to free a relative from debt (Lv 25:50-52), free a slave (Ex 21:28), and to free the exiles—used of the Lord (Is . 45:13).

- God paid a price to deliver his people from slavery in Egypt (Ex. 6:6), to free his people from the Babylonian captivity and bring them back to their land—King Cyrus’ decree (Micah 4:10), and to also rescue his people from the consequences of sin—forgiveness.
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2 Samuel 7:23–24—David’s prayer of thanks, God told his line would never end.

²³ *And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods?* ²⁴ *And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God.*

Micah 6:4

⁴ *For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.*

Exodus 15:13

¹³ *“You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.”*

- to free his people from the Babylonian captivity and bring them back to their land—King Cyrus’ decree (Micah 4:10),

Jeremiah 31:10–11

¹⁰ *“Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’”* ¹¹ *For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.*

- and to also rescue his people from the consequences of sin—forgiveness

Isaiah 44:22

I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

SUM: All of this points to Christ, who was the ultimate redemption of God by payment of a ransom (his life).

Ransomed from what? Why did we need to be ransomed? (5 things)

Freed from the curse of the law—death.

Galatians 3:13

¹³ *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—*

Bridges says,

“Christ shed his blood and gave his life as a ransom to redeem us from this curse. As a captive held in chains is set free when the ransom is paid, so all who trust in Christ are set free from the condemnation and curse of the law.”

Freed from the futile ways of forefathers

1 Peter 1:18–19

¹⁸ *knowing that you were **ransomed** from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,* ¹⁹ *but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.*

Freed from the power of Satan--his influence in the world

- **1 John 5:19**--The whole world is in the power of the evil one.
- **2 Cor 4:4**—Satan has blinded our minds
- **Heb 2:15**—we live in fear of death—Satan’s influence

Hebrews 2:14

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might **destroy the one who has the power of death**, that is, the devil,

Freed from sin's mastery and slavery

John 8:34

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."

Romans 8:1–4 (NIV84)

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me **free from the law of sin and death**. ³ For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

Romans 6:5–11 (ESV)

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would **no longer be enslaved to sin**. 7 For one who has died has been **set free from sin**. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 **So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

Freed from eternal punishment

John 3:18 (NIV84)

¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Matthew 25:46

⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Who was the ransom? Not us!! Jesus. God through Jesus. God using Jesus for his purposes.

Psalm 49:7–9

⁷ Truly no man can **ransom** another, or give to God the price of his life, ⁸ for the **ransom** of their life is costly and can never suffice, ⁹ that he should live on forever and never see the pit.

Psalm 49:15

¹⁵ But God will **ransom** my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. Selah

Mark 10:45 (cf. Mt 20:28)

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to **give his life** as a **ransom** for many.”

1 Timothy 2:5–6

⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who **gave himself** as a **ransom** for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

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Who was the ransom paid to? God. Price needed to be paid—justice satisfied.

Because of sin...

- We were under his **curse**.
- We were in **his debt**.
- We were **guilty of sin, lawbreaking**.

Bridges says,

“The ransom was paid to God acting in his capacity as Judge. It was God’s justice that Jesus satisfied. It was his cup of wrath that Jesus emptied. And it was his curse that Jesus bore as he paid our ransom price... God both demanded the ransom price and paid it in the death of his Son... Jesus was both the redeemer and the ransom as he laid down his life in our place. (75)

O what wondrous love! O what infinite wisdom! Our glorious God devised such a plan that satisfies his justice and upholds his Law while at the same time providing a complete redemption for us from the curse of the Law. (76)

For what? Why are people ransomed by God? Purpose of ransom. (Four things)
We were ransomed...

So that we can have full rights as children of God

Galatians 4:4–5

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

So that we can glorify God with our lives!

1 Corinthians 6:19–20

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

John Piper says,

“The reason you have been ransomed is so that now you can return to the purpose for which you were created. In other words the reason Jesus died is to put us back on the joyful track of knowing and reflecting the glory of God.”

So that we can be purified--zealous for good works!

Titus 2:14

¹⁴ *who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

Leon Morris, Apostolic Preaching of the Cross

“In Scripture we see the price paid, the curse borne, in order that those who are redeemed should be brought into the liberty of the sons of God... The whole point of this redemption is that sin no longer has dominion; the redeemed are saved to do the will of their Master.”

- Good works are not the way we earn our salvation
- Good works are a response to salvation.
- Motivated by grace—this gives us the zeal, we want to please our God.

So that God may have worshippers from every nation!

Revelation 5:9–10

⁹ *And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you **ransomed** people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,* ¹⁰ *and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”*

What does this mean for us? Applications.

- We are no longer condemned. We do not need to feel guilty.
- We are no longer under the power of Satan and sin. We live in freedom. We fight sin!
- We are now children of God. We ransomed to belong to God. We live with confidence.
- We are free to do good works, to glorify God with our life. Motivated by grace.
- We reach out to all nations. Ransomed for a job.
- We have an awesome future. Inherit everything (sons). Kingdom and priests we will rule and reign with him, help him in his eternal kingdom.