

We Have Been Redeemed

Special Edition



Our born-again spirits are already eternally redeemed (Hebrews 9:12). The other two-thirds, our soul and body, have also been purchased by His blood, but their redemption has not yet taken place. However, God has made provision for them as well.

Romans 8:23 reads, "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

Ephesians 1:14 says, "Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

When redemption is complete in spirit, soul, and body, we will know Him as we are known (I Corinthians 13:12). But until then, we can experience a renewed mind through His Word. And although we are waiting for the redemption of our bodies, we can receive healing while we live in our mortal bodies. God has made provision for both the soul and the body even though their redemption has not yet been made manifest.

Unfortunately, most Christians are not taking advantage of these provisions. They have not renewed their minds, and they still don't understand that we are also redeemed from the curse of the Law (Galatians 3:13). The average New Testament believer is still trying to get God to respond to them based on their performance. Why? Because they don't know that the performance covenant of the Old Testament Law is over. We are now under the New Testament ministry of grace and faith (II Corinthians 3:7-8).

The Law was given to convict people of their self-righteousness so they could see their need for a savior. Praise God, we are now no longer under the Law. I Timothy 1:9 says that the Law is not made for a righteous man. And who is righteous? Any person who is born again (II Corinthians 5:21).

Hebrews 7:12 and 18 says, "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof."

What a radical statement! A disannulling! The word disannulling literally means cancellation, to make null and void. The Old Testament Law has been nullified, canceled, done away with. The Law was weak and unprofitable. It was only a stop-gap measure until Jesus (Galatians 3:23-25).

Ephesians 1:3-5 says, "[He] hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings . . . hath chosen us . . . Having predestined us unto the adoption of children"

In the Greek, "hath" is an aortas tense, which means it is a done deal—it's an accomplished fact. So how blessed is all spiritual blessings? Verse 6 says that we have been accepted in the beloved. Really, that is a super understatement. The Greek word that is used for "accepted" is only used twice in the New

Testament. The other place is in Luke 1 where the Angel Gabriel appeared unto Mary.

Gabriel said, "Hail thou that are highly favoured, the Lord is with thee" (verse 28).

The Greek word for "highly favoured" is the only other time that this word was used. When it says that we are accepted in the beloved, it is saying He has made us highly favored. Mary hasn't got anything on a born-again believer. Every one of us is accepted, chosen, and highly favored. It's all part of redemption.

Understanding redemption, the complete forgiveness of our sins, is foundational to understanding the New Covenant and how God deals with us today. If you're born again and still asking questions like these: "Can I lose my salvation?" "If I die with unconfessed sin, will I go to heaven?" or "Does God answer the prayers of someone who still sins?" then you do not understand redemption.

Redemption is very practical, and your understanding of it will determine what you are able to receive from God, not just in the so called 'here after', but here and now.