

# REDEMPTION CHURCH

## Mission 24 | Experience Redemption

### OUR MISSION

We exist to help all people **experience redemption**, live in freedom, and become partners in the Gospel.

### BIG POINT

*Experience Redemption*

means:

- Salvation
- Renewal
- Restart

Redemption starts with **Jesus**. It is only in Christ that anyone can experience redemption. Once in Christ, redemption brings the forgiveness of sins.

### Ephesians 1:7

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace...*

This weekend we continued in our series, *Mission 24*, taking a deeper look at the idea of "redemption."

The redemptive arc of the Bible starts in [Genesis 3](#) and concludes in [Revelation 21](#). "Redemption" is a doctrinal term; but, it is also the culmination of the entire work of Christ that has been at work since before time even began. Here we'll look to answer both 1) what redemption is, and 2) how we experience it.

### Notes:

**What is Redemption?** Redemption is the overarching work of Christ on the cross –the payment for our sins and the securing of our salvation.

### Who is involved? And what does each party do?

We, all of us, are in one big massive redemption story. Ephesians 1:7 says, "IN HIM we have redemption..."

### Why Christ?

- He was both fully God and fully man.
 

*"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time." 1 Timothy 2:5-6*
- He was sinless.
 

*"...knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot." 1 Peter 1:18-19*

**How is redemption accomplished, and applied?** Through the blood of Jesus, and received by faith.

- Secures our forgiveness as our ransom payment.
- When we think of redemption, we need to start with what Jesus did, not what we did.

Ephesians 1:7 does **not** say, "In me I've earned my freedom

## Romans 3:23-25

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 ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

## Ephesians 2:8-10 (NLT)

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 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup>Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. <sup>10</sup>For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

## Isaiah 32:14-15

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 The palace and the city will be deserted, and busy towns will be empty. Wild donkeys will frolic and flocks will graze in the empty forts and watchtowers <sup>15</sup>until at last the Spirit is poured out on us from heaven. Then the wilderness will become a fertile field, and the fertile field will yield bountiful crops.

through the efforts of my religion according to the standard I've created..," or "In both Jesus and I, working together, we have secured my freedom by his grace and my hard work."

Redemption begins with Christ and every redemption story should start with, "**Because Jesus...**"

**What of our role in Redemption?** See Romans 3:23-25

- **All** have sinned... This idea is best understood by looking at the doctrinal terms *original sin* and *total depravity*.

**Original sin** is our sinful condition upon birth. David said, "In sin I was conceived." From the beginning, we enter guilty before God. Regardless of our theological position on election, no one (except a heretic) disagrees with the idea of *original sin*.

**Total depravity** is the result of original sin and the state we operate from. This doesn't mean that everything we've ever done or will ever do is evil or bad, but that our entire nature is corrupt. Incapable of earning righteousness.

[Ephesians 2](#) reveals that redemption is all about Christ and what He's done for us. The Word reveals this over and over.

**What does it mean to experience redemption?**

We experience redemption...

1. by grace, through faith, in the power of the Holy Spirit
2. when we receive the gift and understand its value.
  - the price that was paid (1 Peter 1:18-19); and
  - the amount of the recipient's associated need.
3. when the power of the Spirit infuses new life into us (Is 32).

Experiencing redemption changes our ownership, actions, and works. What happens?

- We are compelled to holiness ([1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#))
- We are prepared for good works (Ephesians 2:10)
- You understand your new ownership ([Exodus 6:6-8](#))

**How does this happen?** According to the riches of His grace!

Experiencing Redemption is when people from different backgrounds, churches, denominations, and realities are brought together to form something new and beautiful –a family centered on Jesus, where healing takes place.

We exist to help ALL PEOPLE experience redemption! Have you had yours?