

Redeemed

(We are bought with a price)

First time used in the Bible: Genesis 48, verse 16.

"The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my father's Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

Another example from the Bible: Galatians 3, verse 13.

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed [is] every one that hangeth on a tree:"

INFORMATION

Webster's dictionary provides this definition for the word "redeemed":

1. to be bought back
2. to be freed from distress or harm
3. to be changed for the better
4. to be free from a lien by payment of an amount
5. to be atoned for

WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY

We were born sinners; each has sinned and been a slave to sin and the world. We have a debt to God because of our sins. We have been bought with a price, and that price was Christ's death on the cross at Calvary. From that moment, the shackles of sin were released, allowing us the freedom to pursue a full and meaningful life here on earth and, also, eternal life after death. Christ paid a price that only He could pay. Jesus willingly died for us so that we could live. Rejoice in the knowledge that there is nothing better than to be redeemed.

Relevant Passages

1 Kings 1:29

And the king swore, and said, As the Lord liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,

Isaiah 62:12

And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Colossians 1:14

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Romans 3:23-26

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus

1 Peter 1:17-21

And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: 18 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: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, 21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

Galatians 4:3-5

Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: 4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.