

# REDEEMER\*

*God pays the price in blood to rescue and restore people to Himself. Jesus fulfills the role of redeemer.*

SCRIPTURE†	MUSIC‡
Exodus 2:3-6 <b>Leviticus 1</b> <b>Ruth 4</b> Job 19:25-27 <b>Psalm 34</b> Psalm 106:1-12 <b>Psalm 111</b> <b>Psalm 130</b> <b>Isaiah 53</b> Romans 3:23-26 <b>Galatians 3:1-14; 4:1-5</b> Ephesians 2:1-7 Colossians 1:9-14, 20-22 Hebrews 9:11-15 1 Peter 1:18-19 Revelation 5:8-14	Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed And Can It Be At the Cross <b>Free from Guilt and Free from Sin (Hall) SATB</b> <b>Glorious Savior (Berry) SATB</b> <b>His Wondrous Love (Koerts) SATB</b> I Know That My Redeemer Lives Jesus Paid It All <b>Jesus Paid It All (Sterling) SATB or TB</b> <b>Made Me Free (Danner) SATB</b> <b>Nothing but the Blood (Courtney) SATB</b> O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Redeemed, How I love to Proclaim It The Power of the Cross There Is a Redeemer Victory in Jesus <b>What Grace Is Mine (Getty) Solo</b>



\* Theme can take an Old or New Testament approach.

† Daily preparatory readings shown in **bold**.

‡ There are many more appropriate hymns than are listed here. Published choral/vocal music in **bold**.

# PRESENTING & PROMOTING THIS THEME

## FREEDOM IN CHRIST

*Tell the story of Hercules, George Washington's slave cook. He was well cared for, earned money, was sought after as a chef, had the "freedom" to walk around town, and was famous. Yet one day he still decided to run away. In spite of all of his benefits, he was still a slave. Those without Christ can still find some fleeting joys and successes in life. But at our core, we all are still born enslaved to sin and Satan. We all need a redeemer, one who buys us out of slavery and gives us what the New Testament calls "liberty," freedom, in Christ.*

## STORIES OF DELIVERANCE

*The concept of redemption is not limited to the idea of being bought back. The word also includes a more active use which carries the idea of being saved from a desperate situation. The Israelites saw this kind of salvation in God's dramatic work of rescuing them from the Egyptians at the Red Sea (Psalm 106). For us, this is often echoed in the salvation testimony of someone who was redeemed from the hold of sin in his life. Ask a church member to share his testimony of what his life was like before salvation and how God redeemed and dramatically changed him. (Perhaps show an older photograph on the screen of what that believer looked like around the time of his salvation, if it was in a different time in his/her life.)*

## WHERE WOULD YOU BE?

*Ask everyone in the congregation to privately imagine the answer to this question: "Given what you know about your life before Christ and your sinful tendencies, where would you be right now if God had not redeemed you?" Pause as congregation considers. Then add this question, "If redemption had not happened, where would you be in 100 years?" Discuss the sobering answer (hell). We would all be unredeemed without the work of the Redeemer.*

Our theme this morning is "Redeemer."

To redeem means to buy back. In NT times, it had to do with purchasing a slave's freedom. **We were born slaves to sin, but Jesus paid the price of our redemption by the shedding of His blood on the cross.** *Have you been set free from sin? Are you redeemed?*

This morning, to help you appreciate your redemption, I'd like to ask you a question, and I want everyone in this room to answer in your own mind. *Are you ready? Where would you be today if Jesus had not redeemed you? Based on your knowledge of your own sin tendencies, where would you be today if you were still a slave of sin?* I'm going to give you a minute to think about that.

So where would you be? It's a sobering thought, isn't it? The reality is that many of us may be embarrassed to admit where our sin probably would have taken us. *Aren't you glad Christ redeemed you?*

Now let me ask you another question, and you won't need to think long about this one. *Where would you be in one hundred years if Jesus had not redeemed you?* The Bible answer is that we'd all be in hell. James 1:15 says, "Sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death." Regardless of whatever meandering path your sin may lead you down, the destination is always the same: sin leads to death, the culmination of which is separation from God forever. *Now, aren't you glad that Jesus redeemed you?*

If you do not know Jesus as your redeemer, don't despair! Christ shed His precious blood on the cross for all who would trust in Him. You can be freed from the sin you're enslaved to and become God's child. Won't you trust Him today? **(Pastor Kris Schaal)**

**Promotional Post:** One of Christ's most commonly mentioned offices in Scripture is that of a Redeemer. While the word "redeem" in Scripture literally means "to buy back," it is often used to refer to rescue—reaching down to pull us out.

Come Sunday morning to worship the Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We will also remember redemption in Christ's ordained way, remembering the Lord's Table during the 11:00 a.m. hour. These passages can help you prepare for worship: [Insert daily Scripture readings.]



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