

Terms of Salvation - Redemption

Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-21

*¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, **set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.** ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*

*¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were **redeemed from the empty way of life** handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but **with the precious blood of Christ**, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.*

In the bible the truth of **redemption** emphasises both a price that has been paid as well as a freedom that has resulted from the price that has been paid.

The story of redemption forms a continuous thread of truth that is woven throughout the entire unfolding story of the bible that begins in the first book of Genesis and continues through to the last book of Revelation.

Firstly, redemption is **from** something. Redemption brings us from a life lived in the emptiness of the bondage of sin

Secondly, redemption is **by** something. Redemption is made possible by the precious blood of Christ when Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins

Thirdly, redemption is **to** something. Redemption transforms our present life to a higher purpose of being set apart for God and secures our future for the eternal blessings of heaven

Redemption as it is presented in the bible describes another amazing aspect of Gods salvation that is offered to all mankind who accept and believe by faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only Saviour that can bring lasting freedom and release from the slavery of our sins.