



## Divine Redemption

**Focus** Jesus became a slave, redeemed us out of the marketplace of sin, paid the full price for our freedom and returned us to our original state as sons and daughters.

**Fun** Have each member write down his/her favorite hobby on a piece of paper and place it in a basket. At the end of the meeting, have each person draw a piece of paper and guess whose hobby it is.

**Review** Key Scripture: Psalm 103:1–4

Every child of God receives the divine benefits of God when he/she becomes a believer. Divine forgiveness and divine healing are two of the five benefits David lists in Psalm 103; the third benefit David talks about is divine redemption. What does it mean when God redeems us? The most common definition of redeem is “to buy back.” In Hebrew, the word is *ga’al*, also translated as “The Near Kinsman Redeemer.” However, Jesus did not just buy us back; He redeemed us with full freedom from slavery to sin and returned us to our original state as sons and daughters of the most high God. To better understand Jesus’ full redemption for us, Pastor Robert gives us the Greek word and definition for redeemed.

### 1. Agorazo: The marketplace for slaves.

*Revelation 5:9*

Jesus entered the marketplace as a slave and became a slave.

### 2. Exagorazo: Out of the marketplace for slaves.

*Galatians 3:13*

We were sold to sin, and Jesus came to redeem us—buy us out of the slave market—so that we could never be put on the slave block again.

### 3. Lutrosis: The full payment of a slave.

*Hebrews 9:12*

The highest price that has ever been paid for anyone was paid for us—the blood of Jesus.

#### 4. Apolutrosis: The full payment of a slave's freedom.

*Ephesians 1:7*

Jesus did not buy us back so we could be His slave; He bought us back to return us to our original state: sons and daughters of the most high God.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** Schedule a night of fun and fellowship for your group.

#### Discuss

1. What does the word “redemption” mean to you? What does it mean to redeem something?
2. You may not have had a good understanding of the word redemption. Like Pastor Robert, maybe you thought it meant going down to the S&H Green Stamps Redemption Center to trade books of green stamps for a toaster that only worked for three weeks. Read the book of Ruth. How did Boaz redeem Ruth? What are some ways we can show the gift of redemption to others?
3. All of us were slaves, sold to a sin, or a bondage, we could not overcome without Jesus' redemption. Jesus paid the full price for our freedom so that we would never be slaves again. Is there an area in your life where you feel like Satan tries to put you back on the slave auction block?
4. As believers, we are all given the benefit of divine redemption. Does understanding the meaning of redemption bring you hope as you go through challenges? Why or why not?
5. On your own, read Hosea. Hosea is an example of one of the greatest redemption stories in the Bible. This is what Jesus did for us. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you about redemption?

#### Take Home

- Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ (Galatians 4:7).
- The Scriptures tell us, “The first man, Adam, became a living person.” But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit. (1 Corinthians 15:45)
- Jesus purchased you and proposed to you.

**Pray**

Father, thank You for the blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank You for His redeeming love, that we may live freely from the bondage of sin. Thank You for returning us to our original state as Your sons and daughters. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\*** Receiving gifts is one of the many benefits Jesus gives to us. Use the **FUN** activity to make mental notes of ideas you can use at a later date to give gifts of encouragement to the members of your group.