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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as He (the Father) has chosen us in Him (In Jesus) before the foundation of the world, so that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He has made us accepted in the Beloved (in Jesus): in Whom we have Redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace!"
(Ephesians 1:3-7)

In Whom: from the Greek words <u>en ho</u> which mean: <u>in whom</u>; that is: <u>in Christ Jesus</u> through whom we (believers) have been <u>redeemed</u> through the shed blood of Jesus on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins, ...!

We Have: from the Greek word <u>echomen</u> which means: <u>we-have</u>; or we-possess; (or we-hold-in-possession); speaking of those believers who were chosen in Christ Jesus before the foundation (creation) of the world, and now <u>have</u> in our possession: <u>Redemption!</u>

Redemption: from the Greek word <u>apolytrosin</u> which means: <u>redemption</u>; from <u>ytroo</u> meaning 'to redeem' - Literally: buying back, re-purchasing what was previously forfeited or lost; to gain or regain possession of something, or someone, in exchange for payment, or ransom. In context Jesus has redeemed believers back to God the Father by freely paying the ransom-price for us, through His blood (meaning His death on the Cross) <u>for the forgiveness of our sins!</u> Our redemption in and through Jesus is the means whereby we are saved from the wrath of hell.

Through His Blood: from the Greek words <u>dia tou haimatos aytou</u> which mean: <u>through the blood of-Him</u>; or <u>through His blood</u>; Jesus shed His blood on the Cross <u>once</u>, and <u>for all time</u>, and for <u>all people</u>: for those who will receive Him as their Lord, and as their Savior from eternal condemnation and from the wrath that is to come against all unrepentant sinners.

Redemption for God's chosen people, and the people of all nations was clearly foretold! Please consider the following:

"Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted His people, <u>He has Redeemed Jerusalem</u>. The LORD has made bare **His Holy Arm (speaking of Jesus)** in the eyes <u>of all the nations</u>; and <u>all the ends of the earth shall see the Salvation of our God</u>." (Isaiah 52:9-10)

"The works of <u>His</u> (God's) hands are truth and justice; all <u>His</u> commandments are sure. They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. <u>He</u> <u>sent Redemption</u> **unto <u>His people</u>**; <u>He</u> has commanded His covenant <u>forever</u>: <u>holy and awesome is His Name</u>." (Psalms 111:7-9)

"Go through, go through the gates; <u>prepare you the way of the people</u>; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the LORD has proclaimed unto **the <u>end of the world</u>**, Say you to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your salvation comes; behold, <u>His reward is with **Him**, and His work before Him</u>.' And they shall call **them**: 'The Holy People, the Redeemed of the LORD; and you shalt be called, 'Soughtout,' a city not forsaken." (Isaiah 62:10-12)

"Therefore <u>the redeemed</u> of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and <u>everlasting joy</u> shall be upon their head; they shall obtain gladness and joy; <u>and sorrow and mourning shall flee away</u>." (<u>Isaiah 51:11</u>)

Redemption is a fundamental concept taught and preached by the apostles of Jesus, with repeated emphasis on Redemption through the shed blood (death) of Jesus:

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; so that you might walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing (Him), being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the Light; who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son (Jesus); in whom we have Redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins; and who is the Image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature." (Colossians 1:9-15)

"But Christ having come as a High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this <u>creation</u>; nor through the blood of goats and calves, but through <u>His own blood</u> He entered in once into the Holy Place (in Heaven), having <u>obtained Eternal Redemption for us</u>. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh; how much more <u>shall the blood of Christ</u>, who through the <u>Eternal Spirit</u> offered <u>Himself</u> without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause He (Jesus) is the <u>Mediator of the New Covenant</u>, so that by means of death, for <u>the Redemption</u> of the transgressions that were under the first Covenant-testament, <u>those who</u> <u>are called</u> might <u>receive the promise of Eternal Inheritance</u>." (Hebrews 9:11-15)

"Therefore by the deeds of the Law there shall be no flesh justified in His (God's) sight; for through the Law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God, apart from the Law is manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which **is through faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and upon **all those who believe**. For there is no difference; for **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His grace **through the Redemption that is in Christ Jesus**; whom God has set forth to be a **Propitiation** through faith **in His blood** (i.e. **His death on the Cross**), to declare **His righteousness** for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time **His Righteousness**; so that **He** might be Just, and the <u>justifier of him (the person) **who believes in Jesus**." (Romans 3:20-26)</u>

"Forasmuch as you know that <u>you were not redeemed with corruptible things</u>, as by silver and gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers; but (<u>you were redeemed</u>) with the precious blood of Christ, as of <u>a lamb without blemish</u> and without spot; who <u>truly was foreordained before the foundation of the world</u>, but was manifest in these last times for you, who <u>through Him</u> do believe in God, who raised Him (Jesus) up from the dead, <u>and gave Him glory</u>; so that your faith and hope might be in God.' (I Peter 1:18-21)

The scripture confirms that the 'life' of a lamb, or a person is 'in the blood' of that lamb or person. Therefore, when Jesus died on the Cross for our salvation, it was through His shed blood – His sacrificed 'life' unto death that our Redemption from sin is obtained! As it says:

"For the soul-life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement (forgiveness) for your souls; for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul." (Leviticus 17:11)

God has chosen those who are weak, and despised, and lowly, and foolish, ... for Redemption, and Salvation, and Righteousness, ... As it says:

"But **God has chosen** the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and **God has chosen** the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and lowly things of the world, and things which are despised, has **God chosen**, yes, and things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are; so that no flesh (no person) should glory in **His** presence. But by **Him are you in Christ Jesus**, who of God is made unto us Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, **and Redemption**; so that, according as it is written, 'He who glories, let him **glory in the Lord** '(Jeremiah 9:24)." (I Corinthians 1:27-31)

The redemption of believers through the shed blood and death of Jesus on the Cross redeems believers from their lost-in-sinfulness conduct and worldly lusts, as it says:

"For the grace of God that brings **Salvation** has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that Blessed Hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, so that **He might** redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:11-14)

So now, believers in Christ Jesus are children of God; and He is our intimate Father:

"But when the fulness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son (Jesus), born of a woman, born under the Law, to <u>Redeem those</u> who were under the law, so that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth <u>the Spirit of His Son</u> into your hearts, crying, 'Abba, Father.' Therefore, you are no more a servant, <u>but a son</u>; and if a son, then <u>an heir of God through Christ</u>." (Galatians 4:4-7)

Finally please consider the following:

"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the Throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood <u>a Lamb (Jesus)</u> as having been slain, ..., and <u>He</u> came and took the book out of the right hand of <u>Him (God the Father)</u> who sat upon the <u>Throne</u>. And when <u>He</u> (Jesus the Lamb of God) had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before <u>the Lamb</u>, having every one of them harps, and golden vials <u>full of incense</u>, which are the <u>prayers of saints</u>. And they sung a new song, saying, 'You are worthy to take the book, and to open the seals of it: for **You were slain, and <u>have redeemed us</u> to God in <u>Your blood</u> out of every kindred, and language, and people, and nation." (Revelation of John 5:6-9).**

In Jesus We Have Eternal Redemption Through His Blood

We are now The Holy People, the Redeemed of the LORD!!
The promise of Eternal Inheritance is now forever ours!!
Everlasting Joy is now forever and ever before us!!
We are Righteous & Sanctified In Christ Jesus!!
We have been Redeemed from all sinfulness!!

Truly, Truly, Thank You Abba Father !!
Jesus You are the Lamb of God !!
You are our Redemption !!

Amen and Amen !!