

A RANSOM

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"But Jesus called them to Him, and said unto them, 'You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever will be great among you, shall be your servant. And whoever of you will be the chief, shall be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life **A Ransom** for many' ". (Mark 10:42-45)

"But Jesus called them unto Himself, and said, 'You know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant; even as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life **A Ransom** for many.' " (Matthew 20:25-28)

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all who are in authority; so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the Truth. For there is one God, and **one Mediator** between God and men, **the Man Christ Jesus**; who gave Himself as **A Ransom** for all, to be testified in due time." (1 Tim. 2:1-6)

Ransom: from the Greek word **lutron** which means: a ransom-price; the 'purchasing money' paid for the freedom of slaves, or prisoners; the price of ransoming. In context, especially an offering of appeasement by sacrifice. (Mark 10:45 and Matthew 20:28)

Ransom: from the Greek word **antilytron** (**antilytron**) which means: a substitute or exchange ransom; that is "properly, a full ransom, referring to Christ, paying the complete ransom-price, instead of us doing so, to secure our freedom (redemption). That is, Christ, being eternally righteousness, gave of Himself, through His death on the cross, as payment for our sin!" (1 Tim. 2:6)

Ransom: The payment demanded for the release of criminal prisoners, or other captive persons held until the ransom is paid. Also the payment made to secure the freedom of a slave.

We did not pay our own ransom for our deliverance and freedom; rather the Father gave His Son Jesus to be the Substitute-Ransom price for our freedom from the enslavement of sin; and for our deliverance from the punishment of sin! Consider these words of Jesus:

"Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on Him, 'If you continue in My Word, then you are My disciples indeed; and you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free. But they answered Him, 'We are Abraham's offspring, and were never in bondage to any man; how is it that You say, 'You shall be made free?' ' Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I say unto you, whoever commits sin is the slave of sin. And the slave does not abide in the house forever; but the Son abides forever. **If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.**' (John 8:31-36)

Paul speaking to the elders of Ephesus said:

'Take care therefore of yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the church of God, **which He has purchased (ransomed) with His own blood.**' " (Acts 20:28)

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Consider also these verses:

“Do you not Know, that to whom you yield yourselves as slaves to obey, his slaves you are to whom you obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But thanks be to God, that, although, you were the slaves of sin, that now you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, you have now become the slaves of righteousness. ... For when you were the slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. What fruit had you then in those things which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death! But now being made free from sin, and having become servants to God, you have your fruit in sanctification, and in the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is **eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**” (Romans 6:16-23)

“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 (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 as children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, and the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; by which He has abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He has purposed in Himself; so that in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him. In Him we have also obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will; so that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with the holy Spirit of Promise, which is the pledge of our inheritance **until the redemption of the purchased-possession (ransomed-possession: us!)**, unto the praise of His glory.” (Ephesians 1:3-14)

“Therefore, stand firm in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)

JESUS is...

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Jesus is the Fathers Substitute Ransom given for the Redemption of our souls!

We are thus 'purchased' by the shed blood of Jesus...

... and thus we are set free from the yoke of slavery to sin!

... and we are also delivered from death unto eternal Life!

Lord Jesus, in and through You we are Free Indeed!

Thank You Father in Heaven for Your Beloved Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer!

All praise and Glory be Yours forever and ever - Amen!