

## I. Redemption – To Buy Back

- A. Always speaks of a situation from which I cannot escape on my own
- B. Always speaks of being delivered by a ransom paid by an outside party

## II. The Results of Going Our Own Way

- A. Guilt
- B. Misery

## III. God's Redemption

- A. God is aware of the misery caused by sin
  - 1. He felt compassion because they were dispirited and downcast like sheep without a shepherd
    - a. Indirect Misery
      - (1) Death
      - (2) Oppression
      - (3) Sickness
      - (4) Fear
    - b. Direct Misery
      - (1) Broken relationships
      - (2) Financial difficulties
      - (3) Imprisonment
  - 2. The appeal of God to repent is most often based on realization of our suffering
    - a. If any man thirsts
    - b. Come to Me all you who labor and are heavy laden

3. God's desire is to set free
  - a. Healing of the leper
  - b. You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free
4. Jesus delivers by bringing men into a right relationship with Himself
  - a. I am...

B. Deliverance comes at a great cost

1. Price of the blood (death) of Jesus
2. *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many* (Mark 10:45)
3. This is the reason for the worship of the Lamb in heaven (Revelation 5:9)

C. The redeemed belong to God

1. His deliverance sets us free by making us His own
2. You are not your own (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
3. That those who are alive should live...unto Him who died (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)
4. *For He rescued us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in who we have redemption...* (Colossian 1:13)
5. Those who have been redeemed have been bought for a purpose