

# **SERMON OUTLINE**

## **'Gospel Words'**

### **Study - 3**

## **'Redemption'**

### **Exodus 6 v1 - 8**

There are 5 key gospel words which help us to understand what the Christian gospel is all about:-

Regeneration, Justification, Redemption, Propitiation, Reconciliation

Redemption - What does this word mean?

## **1. THE BACKGROUND TO THIS REDEMPTION**

The meaning of the word - 'to release (set free) through the payment of a price'.

The concept of redemption was part and parcel of Jewish society - it shaped how the people of God lived their lives, and was written into God's Law. For example:-

### **A. PROPERTY COULD BE REDEEMED**

See - the story of Ruth.

### **B. SLAVES COULD BE REDEEMED**

Key Point - Redemption shows us the loving heart of God towards those who cannot help themselves.

## **2. THE NEED FOR THIS REDEMPTION**

Key Text - Eph 1 v7. Our need as sinners is not just for forgiveness - pardon for sin, but for release - freedom from sin. This word redemption presupposes and implies that in our sin we are held in a bondage and by a power from which we cannot break free. An illustration of this is in the story of the Exodus. See - Ex 3 v7 - 8a & 6 v6. The pressing need of the people in Egypt was essentially 2-fold:-

## **A. IT WAS TO BE PROTECTED FROM GOD'S WRATH**

## **B. IT WAS TO BE DELIVERED FROM PHARAOH'S POWER**

Quote - 'We are slaves to sin itself; its drives and its addictions, its mastery and its weakening power.'

### **3. THE COST OF THIS REDEMPTION**

See - Eph 1 v7 & 1 Pet 1 v18 - 19. Blood speaks of death - in particular, of a life laid down in sacrifice.

Key Point - The death of Christ upon the cross not only deals with the guilt of sin, but with the power of sin. Sin's mastery is broken!

### **4. THE PURPOSE BEHIND THIS REDEMPTION**

See - Ex 6 v6 - 8. It's that God might come to be our God - and that He might lavish upon us all of the riches of His grace. See - Eph 1 v7. And see - 1 Pet 1 v18 - in His redemption God fills empty lives to give them meaning. See - the story of Ruth.