



"You see, all have sinned, and all their futile attempts to reach God in his glory fail. Yet now they are all saved and set right by his free gift of grace through the redemption available only in Jesus the Anointed. When God set Him up to be the sacrifice—the seat of mercy where sins are atoned through faith—His blood became the demonstration of God's own restorative justice. All this confirms his faithfulness to the promise..." Romans 3:23-25, The Voice

THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE YOUR IMPORTUNITY

Colossians 4:5, KJV exhorts us with this phrase, "redeem the time" while The Voice Translation reads "...make the most of every moment *and every encounter*." The word *redeem* in Greek is defined as to buy up, i.e., ransom; to rescue from loss (improve importunity). Jesus Christ's death, burial, resurrection and ascension fulfilled all the requirements for us to live with the advantage. With your permission, Jesus lives in you as Lord and Savior so you can live through Him whereby replacing everything subject to death, loss, or lack with eternal life. That grants you a better covenant within the kingdom of God than ever before. Always remember, Jesus opened your eyes to turn you from darkness to light, from the power of satan to God for you to receive the forgiveness of sin and the inheritance that's only in him. Now don't limit your return on Christ's greatest investment! Be resolved to reclaim every inch of your territory. Your faith in God makes the expected demand to secure every promise. Live abundantly on earth where not even one benefit of salvation is left unclaimed.

COVERED FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, NOT AN AFTERTHOUGHT

Redemption includes preemption, the right to purchase before any other, including satan. Revelation 13:8 shows Jesus' sacrifice as the strategy of first attack, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Add "precluding [disqualifying] debate or expostulation [express disagreement, not admitting of question or appeal, positive, absolute, decisive, conclusive, final," as described by *Webster's Revised Unabridged*. Arrangements were made well advance when we had a debt that we could not pay. Jesus paid it all. Covered!

A COVENANT NEVER VIOLATES ITS VOW TO EXTEND FULL COVERAGE

Account 1: God ordained Hosea to marry Gomer—a prostitute, illustrating just how far the Lord's love and mercy will go. Although the bride price was less than that of a slave, Hosea redeemed her when she was later sold into slavery still showing her worth. That door of hope brought Gomer out of the trouble she caused to be refreshed to have only one desire, the Lord. **Account 2:** Prior to Boaz being considered a redeemer, he made continuous appeals to Ruth to receive out of his portion; as he increased his giving to Ruth, her capacity to receive was enlarged until she was motivated to make an offer for him to cover her with his best portion. Ruth returned home with the promise of redemption, Naomi responded, "Now you must wait, daughter. *We must wait and see what happens. Be at peace.* That man will not rest today until this is resolved," Ruth 3:18, The Voice. After trouble ambushed them, a door of hope was opened when the Boaz—a mighty man of wealth—promised he would make necessary arrangements for a redeemer or do the honors himself. In the end, Boaz purchased Naomi's husband's land and took Ruth as his wife; he redeemed them from poverty when they were left without provision after their husbands' deaths. **Account 3:** Jesus Christ redeemed us so we would never be separated from him again. United as one flesh. With the grave stone rolled away, the door of hope was left wide open for the Church—the bride of Christ—to come into his presence with greater intimacy, an entrance never to be sealed again. "And this is the reason a man leaves his father and his mother and is united with his wife; the two come together as one flesh. There is a great mystery *reflected* in this *Scripture*, and I say that it has to do with *the marriage of the Anointed One and the church*. Nevertheless, each husband is to love *and protect* his own wife as if she were his very heart, and each wife is to respect her own husband," Ephesians 5:31-33, The Voice. In each case, the wife's strengthened position improved her level of provision; weakness never diminished it.

Thought for Transformation

"This is the day which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it," Psalm 118:24. That's the day of atonement—when our sin was covered by the sacrifice and offering of Jesus so now we can stand faultless before the presence of God's glory with exceeding joy. His blood makes everyday a perfect day. Covered, we now are qualified to receive as a heir of salvation. That day covers every other day—past, present and future. By applying the blood of Jesus daily, you are duplicating the perfect day.

Redemption Draws Close

Redemption in the 1828 Edition of Webster means: to liberate or rescue from captivity or bondage or from any obligation or liability to suffer or to be forfeited, by paying an equivalent; to redeem prisoners or captured goods; and to free by making atonement.

Remember the Blood of Jesus

Daily apply the blood of Jesus. 1-Be mindful of our blood covenant; 2-Read aloud related scriptures like Revelation 12:11 connecting Jesus' blood to the benefit desired. 3-Always take the elements of communion [the body and blood of Christ] with great expectation, not hesitation. 4-Cover yourself, family, territory, city, nation with the blood daily.