

Sermon Title: **“REDEEMED”**

Ephesians 1:3-14

- “Redemption = to purchase; to be freed by ransom; to buy out; or to release by payment
 - Historically, the idea of Redemption was connected to purchasing a slave’s freedom
 - Until Jesus paid our ransom (until Jesus Redeemed us) we were slaves to sin (we were in bondage to sin)
- God’s Grace was on public display when the looming wrath of God (we were ALL under) was satisfied by Jesus’ shed blood
- John Piper – “It’s bad to be guilty & it’s bad to be dead, but it’s horrific to be under the wrath of an omnipotent God.”
- Through Jesus’ shed blood we have Redemption & instead of the wrath of God, we receive grace, which is lavished upon us
 - However, for Jesus’ Redemptive work to be transferred to my account, I have to receive it by faith
- Emphasis is placed in EACH account on Jesus “giving thanks” or “blessing the elements” (Jesus was praying to His Heavenly Father)
- Jesus shared these elements with His disciples (those closest to Him)
- Referring to the cup, Jesus said “This is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins ...”
- 1st Cup was known as the Cup of Sanctification
 - As believers, we’ve been set apart from the world to be a light – pointing others to the Hope we have in Christ
- 2nd Cup was known as the Cup of Deliverance
 - As believers, we’ve been set free from sin & it’s bondage
- 3rd Cup was known as the Cup of Redemption
 - As believers, we’ve been Redeemed (bought back) through the shed blood of Jesus Christ
- 4th Cup was known as the Cup of Praise
 - As believers, we can look forward to that day, when we will one day join Jesus in Heaven & spend eternity with Him