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The Ransom Was Paid

Revelation 5

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Chapter 4

Creation

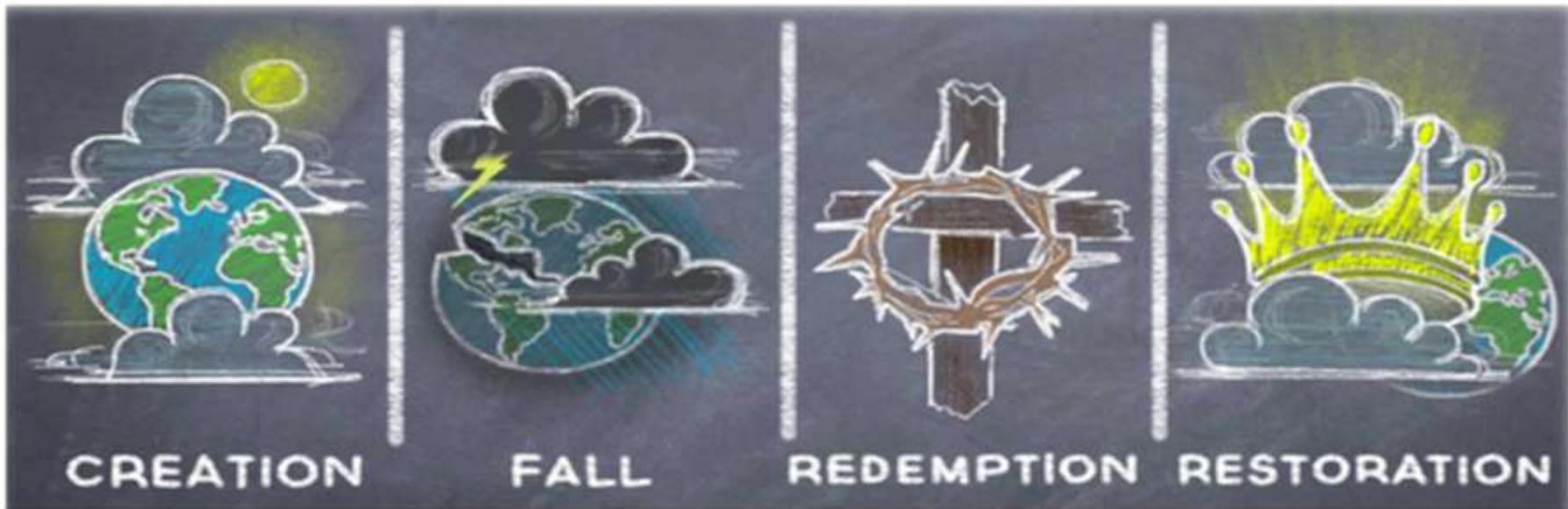
God

Chapter 5

Redemption

The Son
(Lamb) of
God





The epic story of the Bible in 4 parts.





**Sin will take you farther than you
wanted to go.**



**Sin will cost you more
than you wanted to pay.**

**And sin keep you longer
than you wanted to stay.**





Our lives wrecked by sin.





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**And this is Christ making all things new:
Restoration & Renewal.**





Revelation 5:5

• And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”



Revelation 5:6

•And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

The Slain Lamb

Vicarious

> experienced second hand through another

Penal

> punitive, punishment

Substitutionary

> done in the place of someone else

Atonement

> reconciliation of God and man through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ





Revelation 5:9

•And they sang a new song,
saying,



Revelation 5:9

• “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

Ransom

A consideration paid or demanded for the release of someone or something from captivity

Redeem

To free from captivity by payment of ransom

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ἀγοράζω

The Greek word here [G59] is more often translated bought or buy; however, it is important to note that **Christ did not pay anyone in particular anything (esp. Satan).** “Ransom, redeem, and bought” are words employed to help the saint of God understand that their salvation was NOT free.



Christ left the glories of heaven.

Christ experienced life in a fallen world.

Christ was tempted and tested.

Christ suffered.

Christ was mocked and reviled.

Christ endured the wrath of God.

Christ was in excruciating pain.

Christ shed His own blood.

Christ died.

**Christ did all this to secure our
redemption.**



Matthew 20:28

- even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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Matthew 13:44

- “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up.
- Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and **buys that field.**

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1 Corinthians 6:20; 7:23

- for you were bought with a price.
So glorify God in your body.
- You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men.

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Galatians 3:13

- Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—

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1 Timothy 2:5-6

- For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

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Ransom and redeem both connote deliverance from something or someone.

BUT what?



John 8:32

Jesus said:

- and you will know the truth, and
the truth will set you free.”

From what?

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Captive to

- Power, presence,
and penalty of
 - Sin
 - Death



Romans 8:2

- For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus **from the law of sin and death.**

8:2 The evidence that believers are in Christ is that the power of sin has been broken in their lives by the work of the Holy Spirit. Law in both instances means principle.

Crossway Bibles, The ESV Study Bible (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2008), 2170.

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Revelation 20:6

- Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection!
Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

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1 Corinthians 6:9-11

- **Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

redeem

- 1 a: to buy back : repurchase**
b: to get or win back
- 2: to free from what distresses or harms:
as**
 - a: to free from captivity by payment of
ransom**
 - b: to extricate from or help to overcome
something detrimental**

Merriam-Webster



**What was the
currency Christ
used to purchase
ALL who would be
redeemed?**





Revelation 5:9

•and by your blood you
ransomed people for God



Revelation 1:5

•and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

1 Peter 1:18-19

- knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but **with the precious blood of Christ**, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

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Revelation 5:9

• and by your blood you
ransomed people for God
from every tribe
and language and
people and
nation,

Über Diversity

Every tribe

Every language

Every people

Every nation



**How should the knowledge
that God has ransomed
people from every tribe,
nation, people, and nation
impact the way I view ALL
humans?**



Acts 1:8

- But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, **and to the end of the earth.**"

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Revelation 5:10

• and you have made them
a kingdom

Present Tense

• and priests to our God,

In what way are
we a kingdom
presently?



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**He is the King
& We are His
Citizens.**



Philippians 3:20

- But our citizenship is in heaven,
- and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

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What is implied and expected with this kind of language?

- **Dominion**
- **Rule & Reign**
- **Loyalty & Allegiance**
- **Submission & Obedience**
- **Expansion**
- **Worship**



Matthew 6:10

Pray like this:

- Your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven.

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Revelation 5:10

•and priests to our God,

**In what way are we
priests to our God?**

Priest

**one authorized to perform the
sacred rites of a religion
especially as a mediatory
agent between humans
and God.**

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Christians function as priests each and every time when we proclaim the good news of Jesus as the one mediator between God and man (1 Tim 2:5).



1 Timothy 2:5

- For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

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Revelation 5:10

- and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
- and they shall reign on the earth.”

Verse 10 describes the future reign of believers on the earth.

This doesn't sound anything like angels fluttering around in the clouds playing harps.

Revelation 21:1

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.





Revelation 5:11

•Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,



Revelation 5:12

- **saying with a loud voice,
“Worthy is the Lamb who was
slain, to receive power and
wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and
blessing!”**

Worthy is the Lamb to receive

- **Power**
- **Wealth**
- **Wisdom**
- **Might**
- **Honor**
- **Glory**
- **Blessing**

**With a list this long
the point is NOT
each and every item
but the aggregate.
He is worthy to
receive everything
and anything.**





Revelation 5:13

•And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”



Revelation 5:14

- And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.