

Salvation and Freedom From Sin’s Slavery.

This week – continuing our lessons which teach the almighty saving power of Jesus Christ.

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold ... But with the precious blood of Christ”
1 Peter 1vs18-19.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Exodus 11v1-10 (The 10 th Plague - Death)	
Monday	Exodus 12v1-20 (Instructions for The ‘Passover’)	
Tuesday	Exodus 12v21-41 (Obedience Saves The People)	
Wednesday	John 19v1-22 (Christ was Crucified on The Passover)	
Thursday	John 19v23-42 (Christ – The ‘Passover Lamb’)	
Friday	1 Peter 1v13-25 (Redeemed by Christ’s Precious Blood)	
Saturday	Psalms 107v1-15 (Give Thanks to God – He is Good)	

Important Lesson for us Today: Redeemed! God had heard the cry of His enslaved people brutally treated by Egypt, (at that time the greatest human power on earth). God’s law provided for slaves to be redeemed (bought back) by a near kinsman (close relative). However, no human could afford the cost of paying the Egyptians to free 2 million Hebrew slaves; it was far too costly. Only God could and would make a way of redeeming them Himself by exercising His mighty power to cause the Egyptians to willingly let them go. God uses this as a picture to help us understand that, as willing slaves to sin, and under Satan’s slavish power, we cannot save ourselves, but need the Lord Jesus Christ to redeem us (free us from our sin). No silver or gold could pay this price. Only the sacrifice of the perfect Son of God could pay the price of sin, when He willingly shed His precious blood on the cross of Calvary. We must trust in Him alone as our Saviour - otherwise our unforgiven sin deserves God’s righteous and eternal judgement.

Beware, resisting God’s gracious call today can harden our hearts against God. To be lost for ever! Are you forgiven? Have you been Redeemed? Bought and set free by the precious blood of Christ?

Hymn 421 - Gratitude to God, Who Redeemed His People when He died for them on Calvary:

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| <p>1. I will sing of my Redeemer,
 And His wondrous love to me;
 On the cruel cross He suffered,
 From the curse to set me free.
 I will sing of my Redeemer!
 With His blood He purchased me,
 On the cross he sealed my pardon,
 Paid my debt and made me free.</p> | <p>2. I will tell the wondrous story,
 How my lost estate to save,
 In His boundless love and mercy,
 He the ransom freely gave.
 I will praise my dear Redeemer,
 His triumphant power I’ll tell;
 How the victory He giveth
 Over sin and death and hell.</p> |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

Redeemed – The Passover.

• Background to Today’s Lesson.

- God, ‘I AM THAT I AM’, told Pharaoh via 9 plagues to “*Let My People Go*”.
- Pharaoh pretended repentance to remove each plague, then refused to let God’s People go. God judged Pharaoh allowing his heart to remain hardened.

Note - It is possible for us to harden our hearts against God, and never be saved!

• God Sends the Final 10th Plague – The Angel of Death.

- God gave His last warning to Pharaoh. “**Let My people Go**, if you still refuse, I will bring death on all your first-born males – people and animals”.

Note – Is today’s call to repent and believe your last opportunity to do so?

• Obedience to God’s Instruction meant Death would Pass Over.

- God gave simple instructions to Moses and the **2 million Hebrew Slaves**: -
 - **Sacrifice a Perfect Lamb - paint it’s blood** on the doorframes of your homes.
 - **Stay inside your home. Wait** for the Angel of Death to ‘**pass over**’ Egypt.
- Total obedience to these instructions was vital for God’s wrath to **pass over**.

• The Response?

- Pharaoh still refused to let God’s People go, so, on the appointed night, God sent His Angel of Death to every home in Egypt and the first-born male died.
- For every obedient home trusting in the blood of the lamb, death mercifully ‘**passed over**’. The grieving Egyptians pleaded with God’s people to leave the land and go free, showering gifts on them as they went. **God will have His way.**
- **Our Response:** If we recognise our sin and trust in Christ’s sacrifice alone for salvation, **then** God’s wrath will ‘**pass over**’ us and we will be safe eternally.

• Christ - The Passover Lamb.

- **Visual Picture:** The Passover was a yearly, Old Testament, celebration of this event which helped the Old Testament believer to understand that the Lord Jesus Christ was coming one day to suffer and take their punishment for sin.
- **God’s Perfect Timing:** The Lord Jesus Christ died as the Passover Feast was about to be celebrated in Jerusalem - showing the New Testament believer that they no longer needed to celebrate The Passover because Christ had now fulfilled it, both physically and spiritually, on the cross of Calvary.
- **A New Remembrance: The Lord’s Supper** (Holy Communion) is now held when Christians remember the Lord’s substitutionary death, and resurrection, until He comes again. Christians also give daily thanks to the Lord for being their Saviour as they remember Him as The Passover Lamb.

The Apostle Paul wrote, “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar (special) people, zealous of good works”.
Titus 2 vs13,14.