

IN YOUR SLAVERY

EPHESIANS 1:7

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: “The original force of the term **redemption** recalls the word forum, the place in ancient cities where slaves were bought and sold. Believers have been redeemed from the bondage of sin and freed by the shed blood of Christ.” The Jeremiah Study Bible, footnote, Ephesians 1:7. *In what forum were you?*

YOU WERE BORN. You were stuck in your captivity to sin. For you to be released from this captivity, your sin must be paid for; but you had no way to buy your freedom. (**Ephesians 1:7, fn 1:7-8, John 8:31-36, fn 8:34-35, Galatians 4:1-7, fn 4:3-7, Romans 6:19-23, fn 6:19-22, II Peter 2:19, fn 2:19**) *How were you set free from your slavery?*

YOU WERE BOUGHT (REDEEMED). Jesus bought you from the slave market. The cost of your redemption was established by God from the beginning of creation. The price was Christ’s own blood. (**Ephesians 1:7, fn 1:7, Hebrews 9:11-12, fn 9:12, Colossians 1:9-14, fn 1:12-14, Mark 10:45, fn 10:45, I Peter 1:17-21, fn 1:18-19**) *At what price were you redeemed, and why was your redemption necessary?*

YOU WERE FORGIVEN and your captivity to sin is no more. All sin must be compensated for, and only God could do that. “Sin had to be punished because it carried guilt with it.” Martyn Lloyd-Jones, God’s Ultimate Purpose, p.156. The only way we could be acceptable to God is the removal and forgiveness of our sin, and this is accomplished through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. His blood removes sin, its power, and its guilt. (**Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 9:14, fn 9:12-14, Hebrews 10:17-22, fn 10:17, fn 10:21-22, Leviticus 17:11-14, fn 17:11-14, Revelation 1:5, I John 1:5-7, fn 1:7**) *As a believer, what has Christ’s blood done for you?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?

