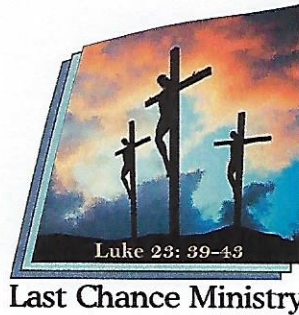


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REDEEMED

When I was a little kid back in the early 1960s the word redeemed meant to me, .03 cents for a 12 oz. bottle and .05 cents for the 16 oz. bottles. The largest size soda bottle escapes my druggg-ridden mind, but it was worth .13 cents in redemption. Believe it or not, that was serious bank back then. Are you kidding me, I got to drink a soda and take the empty back and get cold cash- ok it was coins of course, but what a deal.

What does redeemed mean to you? I have struggled with redemption for quite a long while. At first I did not know I needed it, secondly I chose not to claim it, thirdly I felt unworthy when I was presented with the idea. In my sick way of thinking, I deserved all the misery that flooded my heart and mind, what was left of it. Therefore, I continued to miss out on the second greatest gift that GOD wanted to give me, JESUS of course is HIS GREATEST gift of all. JOHN 3:16-17

Today redeemed means a lot more to me than a few cents. I finally understood God's grace, mercy, 4giveness, and His Love. It is like no other love that we can experience. Thus "REDEEMED" means a clean slate, a new beginning without the guilt and condemnation that goes along with sin and our willful denial of the Holy Spirit, which is trying to draw us, closer to the FATHER.

Please read 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21, Here Paul is telling us that we are truly someone new, we are not that old sinful man, why? BECAUSE THE BLOOD OF JESUS REDEEMS US, HE SET US FREE. This is where it begins for some of us, so with that said- give yourself a break if you are struggling with being redeemed. Nobody can explain it, you just have to want it- accept it. None of us deserves it either, that is a fraction of the depth of God's love for us, we screw up, refuse to own up, and HE is dying to 4give us and make us new- like I said, NOBODY can explain it to me and make sense, it just does not compute in my way of thinking. If you cross me, I would have whooped your ass, today I am learning to be able to forgive others as He has forgiven me. The devil does not want you to feel this redemption because saten knows that when we are truly Redeemed, there is no, I MEAN NO-turning back away from the LORD. You will not want to because you are no longer the fool. Stop letting the devil fool you, what has that piece of dawg dookie ever promised you? Well what? What lie is he trying to tell you right now? There is none righteous, no not one, so he can't guilt trip you on that-

In true redemption we can have a sense of peace and tranquility that cannot be found anywhere except in JESUS. In closing for now I urge you with everything that is within me to humble yourself before our FATHER, ask Him to be "REDEEMED" and let the HOLY SPIRIT flood you cell, soul, body, and mind.

I LOVE YOU ALL-littletim4HIM

PRV 3:5-7