



# The Grove

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## LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: Pulpit Curriculum (04.20.2025)

### Redeemed: His Death Paid My Price

Main passage: Colossians 1:13-14

#### 1) Lost in Darkness (v13)

- Jesus saves sinners from the domain of darkness – sin and alienation from God. Night/darkness is a metaphor of a life without the light of Jesus Christ (Phil 2:15). Unbelievers have hard, callous hearts that alienate them from the love of Christ, incapable of seeing, but this is not how we learned Christ (Eph 4:17-20). We were formerly darkness, but now we (born again believers) are of the light and called to walk in the light of Christ (Eph 5:8ff). We are lost in darkness and sin, and we do not have a pathway to leave the darkness on our own, apart from God (Jer 13:23).
- A. List some descriptions of what it means to be in mental and moral darkness. What might that look like? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. What spiritual realities are inherent to those in the light (in Christ) compared to those in spiritual darkness? \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### 2) No Way Out (v.)

- One of the greatest lies of this world is that we have something in ourselves that can get us out of the darkness (sin). Religion apart from Christ tries to placate God's wrath through works. One way to ruin our life is to focus on self and think we can save ourselves from the wrath of God. The hope of Resurrection Sunday is not about being better people, but about turning our lives to Christ.
- C. Why is it vitally important for us to know that apart from Christ we cannot save ourselves? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- D. What are some spiritual realities that comfort you knowing that salvation does not belong to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### 3) Language of the Marketplace

- The imagery of being purchased / redeemed is the language of the marketplace. We, the Church, have been purchased by Jesus Christ, where we are now slaves to Christ (Eph 1:7; Gal 3:13; Rev 5:9). Words like "bondage" and "slavery" indicate we are under the authority of sin. Redemption is freedom through payment where someone else pays the purchase price - the blood of Christ - to whom we owe our lives.
- E. Do you know that you have been ransomed, redeemed through the blood of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_  
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F. Does your life represent slavery to sin or to Christ? How would one on the outside looking in describe your life? \_\_\_\_\_

## 4) Purchase Price

- Someone had to pay for us to be free, and that purchase price was the blood of Jesus Christ through His death on the cross – the great 'I AM', the spotless lamb, our King, Judge and Justifier (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet 1:18-19). As a result of being redeemed, we have the privilege and joy of glorifying God in our body (1 Cor 6:19-20). There is no way that we can pay the ransom on our own (Psalm 49:7-8). Jesus Christ gave his life as a ransom for the redemption of many (Mark 10:45).
- When we are called to repent and believe, we put our trust in Christ as the sufficient sacrifice upon the cross to redeem us from the penalty of sin. We will never be able to fully know the cost the Son of God paid for our sins. If Jesus Christ is willing to give His life to redeem us through His death and resurrection, our entire life is owed to Him.

G. Knowing that God purchased the believer with His own blood, how do we glorify God in our body, as slaves to Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

H. Count the purchase price in your own darkness. What has Christ saved you from? \_\_\_\_\_

## 5) Purchase Grace

- These graces are for us to pursue, to cultivate, and to grow – His purified people for His own possession, zealous for good works.
  - True Knowledge (v9) - knowledge of His will
  - Wisdom (v9) - insight and discretion
  - Purpose (v10) - walk in a manner worthy of the Lord
  - Productivity (v10) - bearing fruit in every good work
  - Strength (v11) - according to the power of His glorious might
  - Joy (v12) - delight in the Lord
  - Thanksgiving (v12) - gratitude for redemption
  - Qualification for Heaven (v12)

I. What are some graces in your life as a result of being ransomed from the penalty and power of sin? \_\_\_\_\_

J. Has gratitude for these graces moved your heart to action for God's glory? What are some ways you can share these graces with others: family, friends, strangers? \_\_\_\_\_