

## Redemption Defined and Experienced NYR 2015

“For you will certainly carry out God’s purpose, however you act, but it makes a difference to you whether you serve like Judas or like John.”

– C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

“Whatever you do, He will make good of it. But not the good He had prepared for you if you had obeyed him.”

– C.S. Lewis, *Perelandra*

Here are three common dictionary definitions of “redeem” or “redemption”:

1. Rescue/Deliverance from a bad situation (sin); release from debt
2. Buying back (as in purchasing a slave)
3. Making something (bad, worthless, etc.) better or more acceptable

After reading these verses (Gal 3:13, 4:4-5; Eph. 1:7; Ps. 130:7-8), which definitions of “redemption” are used?

What is the significance of being redeemed?

Can you think of any Biblical stories, examples, or promises that might fit the *third* definition of “redemption”?

What do these verses say about redemption? Do you see any consistencies, patterns, and/or principles? (Does the word “redeem” or “redemption” show up at all?)

- Jeremiah 31:27-34
- Jeremiah 32:36-41
- Joel 2:12-19, 23-27
- Psalm 51:1-17
- Luke 22:31-32 / John 21:15-19

It seems there is a pattern, sequence, or process of experiencing redemption. Thoughts?