Skegness Community Church - Weekly Bible Study 2025 52 passages of Scripture that every believer should know

Week 47 - A NEW SONG OF REDEMPTION Revelation 5:9

"And they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with Your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."

Our limited minds can scarcely grasp the thought that Christ redeemed us with the purchase price of His own blood. The writer to the Hebrews reminded us that "He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption" (9:12). Simon Peter elaborated on the point by saying, "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect" (1 Peter 1:18-19). It is no wonder we will be singing this "new song" in heaven. Jesus alone is worthy to be the object of our worship. He is the only One who was slain and who redeemed us by His own blood. This verse reveals to us the hope of redemption as well as the scope of redemption.

THE HOPE OF REDEMPTION

Our hope of being redeemed is found in Christ and in Christ alone. As the Apostle Paul said, "In Him we have redemption through His blood; for the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace" (Ephesians 1:7). Redemption is the scarlet thread that is woven throughout the entire Bible. Redemption indicates that Jesus Chist purchased us to be His very own. How much do you think you are worth to Him? What would He pay for you? Our redemption had a large price tag affixed. The cost was Christ's own blood. Our only hope of redemption is in Christ and His shed blood.

THE SCOPE OF REDEMPTION

What is covered by this purchase price? Is it only for those on one end of the economic or social spectrum? Is it only for those who look like and act like we act? The new song of heaven declares that the scope of God's redemption extends to "every tribe and language and people and nation." Jesus reaches out to those in the most remote tribal regions of our world. His redemption knows no language barrier. It is for every tongue. And yes, it is for every people and nation. Our dear Lord one day stepped up to the redemption's counter ... For you. His Father sent Him. So down He came, past solar systems and constellations and through measureless space. Down still further to become a helpless seed planted in the womb of a young virgin to grow for nine months. Down yet further, to be born in the dung and filth of a Bethlehem stable. Then down even further, to go about doing good, only to be beaten and mocked, spit upon and scorned, and to finally walk up to redemption's counter. There He put down His own blood to redeem you. Why? So He could take you home with Him! This is the message of the gospel. This is why we will one day join that celestial choir in singing a new song. "You are worthy .. For You were slain and have redeemed us to God by Your blood..

As you memorise this verse, meditate on the tremendous price our Lord paid to purchase you out of the sin and shame of your broken lives and take you home with Him.."