

Re:Easter Blog – 14th April

Redemption

Redemption – bought with a price; buying back from a pawn-brokers or a slave-owner; re-claiming a situation, relationship or even a memory - moving it from a bad place to a good place. And Good Friday was the day when we have been redeemed, bought back – our creator has paid the price for us again – we are doubly his.

But, like all the other special Christian truths, redemption has a past, present and future dimension. We were redeemed with the precious blood of Jesus – and that historical event took place about 2000 years ago just outside the walls of Jerusalem. We live today as redeemed people and so are called to honour God with our whole lives. And God has given his Holy Spirit to live in us now to give us the assurance of the future time when we live fully as God's treasured possession in his wonderful presence.

Ephesians 1: 7&8, 13&14 *“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory”.*

The New Testament often refers to us as servants of God but, of course, the meaning in the New testament context is that we have become slaves of God. What does that mean to you and how do you feel about that?

Prayer

“To him who loves us and has freed us and washed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.”

Action

If we are not our own but have been bought with a price; if we are slaves of God and in-dwelt by the Holy Spirit; if we are looking forward to the day of our (full and explicit) redemption; then this must affect the way we live today and tomorrow. Prayerfully consider one change you could make (doing something good or stopping something which isn't good) as a thankful and joyous service to your loving Master.

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