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## Luke 1:68

The word redemption here means a price to purchase by another of ones freedom from bondage. The Bible tells us of how God redeemed the children of Israel from their bondage in Egypt. (Exo. 6:6). We are told that there was a Law to be followed for one in order to meet the condition of redemption (Lev. 25:23-34). In the Old Testament, the Law required that the Israelite should offer sacrifices as per the old Law for one to meet the conditions of redemption (Exo. 12). Isaiah tells us that. God was not pleased with the sacrifices offered by the Israelite during that time (Isa. 1:11). God told them that, *“I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and of the fat of fed cattle, I do not delight in the blood of bulls or lambs or goats.”* In another place, Jeremiah says, *“Behold the days are coming says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel.”* (Jer. 31:31).

There was to be a change in the Law of redemption as well with the other Laws that God had given to the children of Israel known as the ten commandments (Exo. 12). As God had promised to bring a change and a redeemer, God Himself was to be the redeemer (Isa. 63:16). In the New Testament we read that Simeon bearing witness to Jesus as being the redeemer (Luke 2:28). This was to be a spiritual redemption.

Today people have invented their own ways of redeeming their friends from the bondage of sin; some pray by lighting red, blue, white, yellow, and green candles; some even cover those sinners with red, green, and blue cloths, and some still sacrifice lambs, goats, and bulls; all this and other acts of redemption they do it in the name of Jesus, yet all this are false acts of redemption.

The word redemption here means that Jesus as a Lamb was slain to purchase sinners unto God with the blood not of animals but His own blood to redeem men of every tribe and tongue, and people, and nation (Rev. 5:9). John tells us that the next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, *“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”* (John 1:29; Rev. 5:6). Today it is good for everyone that would want to come into a relationship with Christ to know that it is Christ who is the guarantee of our inheritance (Eph. 1:14). That means it is only in Christ that there is redemption by the sacrifice of His blood (Eph. 1:7). Luke in Acts 4:12 tells us that there is no other name under heaven given among men by which must be saved. That means, one must come into

relationship with Christ in order to have redemption and forgiveness of sin (Rom. 6:3; Col. 2:12).

In these two chapters, baptism is only a way of response action on the part of a sinner who accepts the free gift of grace without condition, which is the price to purchase from sin.

Redemption is in Christ; it is free by His grace (Rom. 3:24). In this verse grace means a loving favor of God that was extended toward the sinful man regardless of the spiritual condition of all humanity. Paul tells us that while we were still sinners Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8). God has a plan to redeem all people from sin or deceit and violence of sin (Psa. 72:14). In Eph. 1:7 Paul uses the word redemption to refer to our purchase out of a situation from which we could not deliver ourselves by works of the Law or meritorious deeds (Col. 1:14). Brethren we need to know that Jesus has redeemed us from sin, that which we could not deliver ourselves. Today all people need to know that there is deliverance from condemnation by Jesus Christ (Rom. 6:23; Rom. 8:1) Therefore let's go out and preach the gospel of Christ to all people in all nations as per the command of Christ (Matt. 28:18-19).

God bless you as you read this article.

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