

We are purchased, ransomed, redeemed, but not with corruptible things as silver and gold—but with the precious blood of Christ—again redeemed us by His blood out of every kindred, and redeemed without money, bought back, bought with a price. These expressions ought to settle all controversies about the redeemed. You despise the Spirit offering so often to apply that meritorious sacrifice to cover all your demerit and the deformity of your fallen guilty spirit. If you are chosen to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, you can only be saved by believing the truth, and through that truth being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In love you are set out for salvation, then redeemed, ransomed, then sanctified, and made meet for glory. Would you adopt God's plan and be saved? Would you rather, like Cain and thousands of his sympathisers, reject God's plan and point out a wiser one of your own? Can you defy the Omnipotent God and turn away His indignation against you for your sins? If you could escape, is there a corner in the universe where His eye does not penetrate? Where is the darkness of the shadow of death, in which the workers of iniquity may hide themselves? There is a day coming when the very heavens shall be on fire and elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burnt up. In view of these dissolving heavens and consuming earth what manner of persons ought men to be in all holy conversation and godliness? Take warning from the destruction and misery of others and flee from the wrath to come. Lay down your weapons of war. Rebel no longer. Consider the unequalled kindness God has shown you all these years, not one act of which you have merited. You cannot conquer the Almighty. You must be overcome and treated precisely as the enemy you have made yourself. Think of it. Christ has made reconciliation for iniquity and opened the door to you. We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. Christ by His obedience has procured an everlasting righteousness, that is all you need, accept it and begin anew your life's journey heavenward, and He shall present you spotless before His Father's glory with exceeding joy. Open your heart now to receive to its overflowing Christ's eternal unfathomable love, turn your feet into that holy narrow path trodden by the feet of ages, open your lips to publish the praises of the once crucified but risen and exalted Saviour. In that name which is above every name, bow your knees before that reconciled Father, whose eyes are over the righteous and whose ears are open to their prayers, and the Holy Spirit will help you. Answers will come. You will view in a new sense and light the ways of Providence, your lame feet will be on straight paths, your crooked limbs made straight and healed, and you will be able to comprehend with all saints the length and breadth, depth and height of the love of Christ which passeth knowledge and be filled with all the fulness of God. Now to Him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God and Saviour be dominion for ever and ever Amen.