

Message from Matthew 20:28 RANSOMED?

- “For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve and to give my life as a RANSOM for many.”
- “For he (God the Father) has rescued us from the one who rules in the kingdom of darkness, and he has brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son. God has purchased our freedom with His life’s blood and forgiven all our sins.”

Colossians 1:13-15

- **Kidnapped and Slave -Ransomed and Set Free**

The human condition is that we are not our own masters. We are mostly powerless to live a good, successful and happy life. There are powers greater than us holding us captive. The first power is SIN. It has a hook in us making us its slave. *I am sold into slavery, with sin as my master.* We do what we don’t like and are powerless to do what we like. The second power is the DEVIL and the WORLD he rules and DEATH. Sin makes us vulnerable to being deceived and then kidnapped by the Devil to live in His kingdom of darkness.

**Jesus, the Kinsman Redeemer**

- Among the Hebrews a Kinsman had an obligation to: (a) Marry a kinsman’s widow and father a son for the dead kin. (b) Buy back a kinsman’s land and return it to him. (c) Buy him out of slavery imposed by unpaid debt. (d) Kill the man who murdered him.
- Jesus is our REDEEMER. He buys us out of our slavery to sin and death.

**To Give My Life.** The payment for spiritual catastrophe (sin) is death.

*“The wages of sin is death.”*

Romans 6:23 The ransom he paid was his life’s blood – his death. When he died on the cross he said, “It is finished.” — PAID IN FULL!

- “For you know that God paid a RANSOM to save you from the futile life you inherited from your ancestors. And the RANSOM He paid was not mere gold or silver. He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.” *1 Peter 1:18*