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Sun

7. What do we mean by redemption?

Redemption simply means deliverance from some sort of bondage. In the OT, for example, when someone paid to free a slave that is called redemption (Lev. 25:48). When the Israelites were released from bondage in Egypt God called that a redemption (Ex. 6:6). If you should go to a pawn shop and borrow money on a watch or ring, when you go back to repay the loan, you get the watch or ring back because you have redeemed it by paying back the money.

Spiritual redemption in the NT is painted against the background of being in bondage to sin. To redeem us, God did three things. First he paid the price for our redemption, and that price was the death of His Son on Calvary's cross. Rev. 5:9 says we are redeemed to God by His blood. Second, God removed us from the domain of sin so that we need no longer serve sin. Paul wrote that we are redeemed in order to receive the adoption of sons. Out of the domain of sin into the family of God. And finally, redemption includes a complete release from all bondage and freedom to enjoy all the blessings of our salvation. ~~You are bought with a price--lit. you are redeemed, so glorify God in your body which is God's.~~ Paul wrote to Titus (2:14) that Christ gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity (release us) and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. So redemption is a release, not to do as we please, but to serve and glorify the one who redeemed us.

Wed

8. Is it possible for a born again Christian to be afflicted by demons?

It is not only possible but it is not a bit abnormal.

What do you mean?

Paul wrote that we wrestle against principalities, powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual hosts of evil in the heavenlies. That's Eph. 6:12. So it's a daily and expected thing for Christians to be fighting against Satan and his demons.

But can some Christians be special targets of Satan's attacks?

Yes, I think so. This could happen for several reasons. Sometimes, a believer can get out of the will of God perhaps by persistent sinning, and open himself up to the attacks of Satan. The remedy for this is to confess the sin and get back in fellowship with the Lord. But sometimes God may allow Satan or demons to afflict a believer. This was true in the apostle Paul's life, for he said that God sent a messenger of Satan to buffet him in order to keep him from getting too proud (2 Cor. 12:7). And Paul prayed that God would relieve him, but it wasn't the Lord's will to do so. So sometimes the attacks of Satan are for our good if we resist. If you feel you are especially afflicted by demons, then don't seek some instantaneous cure. Examine your life and see if there is some sin; if so, confess it. Then build yourself up in the faith. Read the Bible. Form good habits of prayer, be active in the work of the Lord. Then any attacks you have from Satan will be part of the normal warfare of the believer, and you will be able to have victory over him. Not necessarily relief, but certain victory.