

A bright sun with a starburst effect is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue, and several fluffy white clouds are scattered across the scene, particularly towards the top and right edges. The overall atmosphere is bright and clear.

Redemption Is Drawing Near
Luke 21:25-28

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**37 Days Until
Feast of Trumpets!
September 26, 2022**

Happy Feast Of
TRUMPETS



Context: Luke 21

■ Luke 21:1-38

- **The chapter begins with the Widow's Gift.**
 - **Revelation 3:8 (To the Church at Philadelphia)** "I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name."
- **The Chapter continues into the outline summary of the Things to Come.**
 - **Matthew 24 (Outline Summary) and Book of Revelation (Details of the Outline Summary)**
- **Verses 25-38 Speak to the Return of Christ**
 - **As we see signs, we are admonished to watch ourselves.**
 - **Luke 21:34-36** "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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■ Luke 21:25-28 / Luke 18:6-8

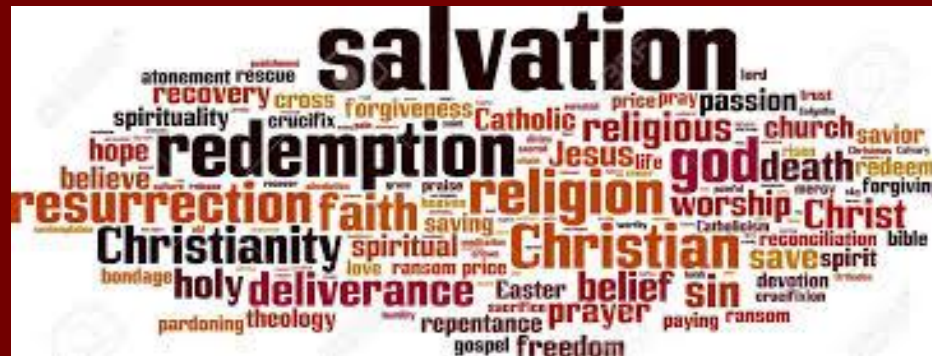
- Jesus is saying, 'When all these things begin to occur, i.e., the intensification of evil, strange things happening in the heavens, the restlessness of the nations, then you will know that My coming is very near. Raise your heads and rejoice because your redemption is drawing near.'
- What does 'redemption' mean, and in what sense is it 'drawing near'?
- The word 'redemption' in the Scriptures is essentially the same thing as 'salvation.' 'Your redemption is drawing near' means 'Your salvation is drawing near.'



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■ Luke 1:68-73

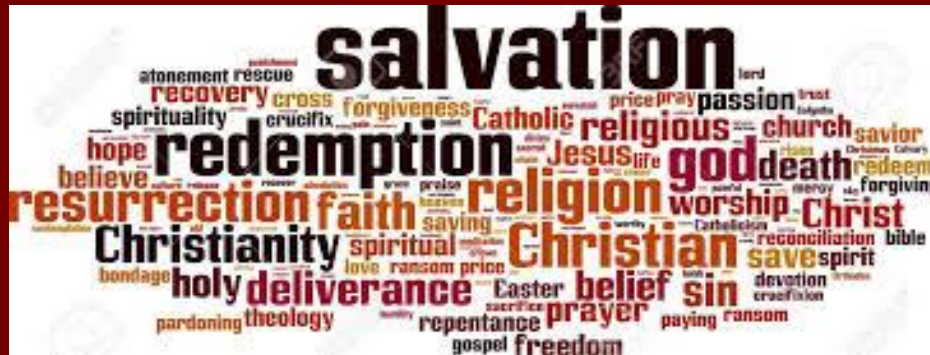
- These are the words of Zachariah, the father of John the Baptist.
- The word 'redemption' provides the image of the marketplace when a purchase is made. You get something, you redeem an object, by paying a sum of money.
- Used in the biblical context, it basically means to be set free from bondage, the bondage of sin, and that freedom is bought at a price. The price paid to set a person free is called a ransom.



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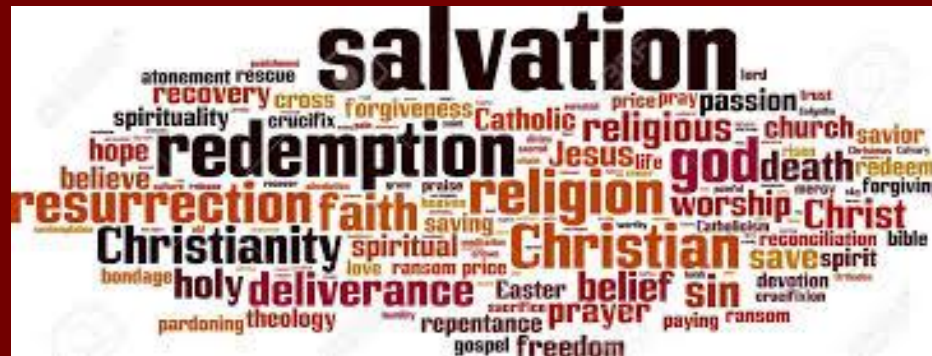
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- From the spiritual point of view, the Bible tells us that every human being is a slave. Every person on earth is in bondage to sin, and sin is viewed as a debt. Jesus expressed this in the Lord's Prayer when He said, Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors (Matthew 6:12). By virtue of our sins, we are indebted to God.



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■ Ephesians 1:7-14

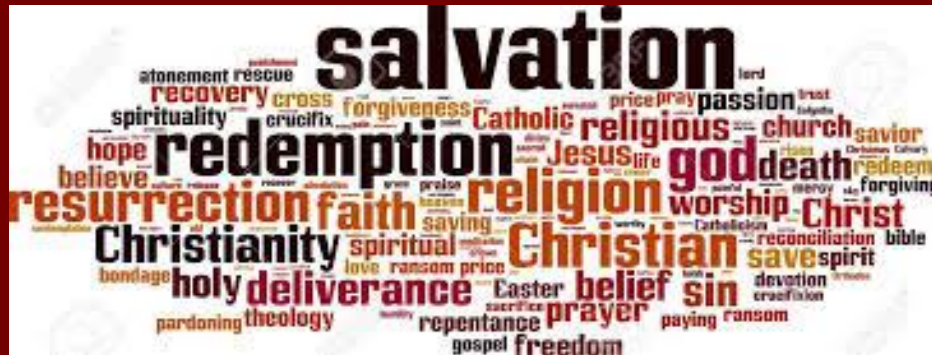
- The reality for the Christian is that Jesus reimbursed our spiritual debt. He paid a price to set us free from our bondage to sin.
- In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. The blood represents life.
- This imagery helps us to understand the atonement and how justification takes place. We understand that it is the result of a settlement in full by the Lord Jesus for the debt that we have accumulated because of our sins.



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■ Mark 12:29-30

- Since, we are truly redeemed, the appropriate reaction should be one of gratitude. We are grateful to the person who, for no other reason than pure kindness, bought us in order to set us free from slavery.
- Notice the repetition of the word 'all'. The word 'all' here indicates that it involves the whole person. The heart, the soul, the mind, the strength, these are different aspects of the person. And each of these involves a total commitment of the person towards God. of our sins.



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■ Romans 8:18-25

- **Notice: We wait for our adoption as sons. Are we not adopted when we commit our life to God? Why then should we wait for the adoption if we have already been adopted as sons and daughters of God?**
- **Why? Because we are still waiting for the redemption of our bodies. Our bodies have not been redeemed. Our bodies are still subject to death. Death is still going to overtake our body. And sin is still in the flesh as Paul said in Romans 7. Sin is still lodged in our bodies.**

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■ Ephesians 4:30-32

- **'Sealed for the day of redemption.'** Notice that the day of redemption is future. We have already received the seal of the Holy Spirit in our life. We have received the foretaste of God's power in our life. And Paul adds that we were sealed for the day of final redemption, which is yet to come.
- **So there is a sense in which redemption is future. We are redeemed indeed at this present time. We are set free spiritually from sin. But the enjoyment of our full redemption is yet to come.**

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■ I Peter 1:3-5

- **Notice: For a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Salvation is yet to be revealed. Although, scripture speaks of the believers as being already saved, Peter's emphasis here is on a future salvation, on the final and complete fulfillment of our salvation.**
- **This future experience of salvation will be free from the limitations imposed by our mortal body.**
- **When will it be revealed? In the last time, i.e., at the time of the final judgment, when the Lord Jesus Himself will appear.**



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■ Our Responsibility

- **Ephesians 4:30 - . And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**
- ✓ **The Disciple of Jesus is not to grieve the Holy Spirit.**
- ✓ **To 'grieve' (lupeo) means to offend, to vex, to sadden.**
- ✓ **This can happen when a person acts contrary to the counsel of the Holy Spirit.**
- ✓ **Basically, a Disciple of Jesus grieves the Holy Spirit when they behaves immorally, when they allow impure things to be part of their life and their thoughts.**

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■ Our Responsibility

- **Psalm 51:11** Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
- **Acts 5:32** We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.
 - God gives His Holy Spirit to those who obey Him. Here we have a present participle in the word 'obey.' It is a continuous tense. This means that God gives the Holy Spirit to those who continually obey Him, who have the attitude of obedience towards God. It is not just one act of obedience in the past.
- **Psalm 78:40** How often they rebelled against in the wilderness and grieved Him in the desert!
 - That is exactly what Paul is warning the Disciples of Jesus not to do. 'Don't grieve the Holy Spirit.'
 - Ancient Israelites did that very thing. And as a result, they fell in the wilderness. They perished.' **1 Corinthians 10:11** that the things that happened and are examples and warnings to us.

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■ Our Responsibility

- Redemption, in its fullness, is future. God has given to those who trust in Him the first fruit of the Holy Spirit, the seal of the Holy Spirit. He is our guarantee.
- We must make every effort to hold on, by God's grace, to this guarantee.
- We must keep the Holy Spirit in our lives by obeying Him day by day, to ensure that we can rejoice right now in the hope of final salvation.

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