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## THE COVENANT OF RANSOM

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**Ransom:** Redemption 1. A consideration paid or demanded for the release of someone or something from captivity. 2. The act of ransoming.

**Ransom:** 1. To deliver especially from sin or its penalty (death) 2. To free from captivity or punishment by paying a price. Synonym: rescue: to recover as a prize by force; to free from confinement, danger or evil; freeing from imminent danger by prompt or vigorous action; the buying out of captivity.

We have heard of kidnappings of children or even belongings as a criminal wants to attain a large sum of money for selfish or evil purposes. Recent pirate accounts where whole ships have been taken for ransom, and other instances in recent times where a ransom was required for the release of captives or property. The pattern has been to take something or someone of great value, in hopes to exchange that valued party or thing for a desired sum of money, or to attain the freedom of someone of great interest to the party.

Jesus blood on the cross, was the payment for the release of our captivity. And to the devil's horror, the ransom note back-fired on him, and just when the devil thought that he had received the desired result, the Lord rose Jesus from the dead and led the devil and all of his cohorts like a train through hell, stripped him of all of his authority, and made a show of him openly so that all could see that GOD was in charge after all! Hallelujah!

Jesus paid the high price of His blood, and offered himself as the ransom for our freedom from hell and death...and he won it too! The receipt said, "PAID IN FULL"! And then Jesus was received by the Father God to sit with us IN HIM at His right hand side on the throne forever!!!! What a great high priest and what a wonderful Savior we have IN CHRIST JESUS! Hallelujah!

Exod 21.30 If there be laid upon him a sum of money, then he shall give for the ransom of his life whatsoever is laid upon him.

Job 33.24-30 Then he is gracious unto him and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom...

Prov 13.8 The ransom of a man's life are his riches...

Prov 21.18 The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous...

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Mt 20.28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

I Tim 2.6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. (Mk 10:45) Ro 10.9, Eph 1.9

Is 35.10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.  
Is 51.10-11 Art thou not it which hath died the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away...

Jer 31.11-12 For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion and shall glow together to the goodness of the Lord...

Jesus paid the ransom for the release of all of mankind from the bondage that the devil put it into when Adam and Eve made the mistake of listening to him in the Garden of Eden. Jesus is now referred to as the second Adam. His ransom not only set us free, totally, but it also caused us to become like Jesus in every way. Now we have every gift, ability, favor, and benefit of being God's chosen children. Bought and paid for completely and thus made completely liberated!

If you have never accepted the gift that Jesus gave the human race, the ransom that he paid to set you free, it is your time, right now to receive the gift of life that Jesus has set up for you. When you receive His gift there is a great exchange made that causes the complete new birth of your spirit from a captivated spirit, bound to sin and death to a free spirit, born a new of the Holy Spirit, you become a completely new person on the inside, and then now every part of you is able to put on a new self, a person not like the old person but completely new. When you receive the gift of eternal life, you get to start over! WOW, don't you want that chance? Then simply close your eyes and talk to Jesus, let Him know that you were a sinner, but now you want to receive His new life and start over as a new person, born of Him. The Lord will make your spirit new. You will be born again of His spirit and have a completely new life from the inside out! Be sure to call us and let us know that you have just asked Jesus to come into your heart. We will pray with you and send you some material that will help you get started in your new life with the Lord. Then get to a good, faith-filled church fellowship or Bible study so that you can be strengthened with new friends who know the Lord. We all need strong associations that will strengthen us.

May the Lord Bless you richly!

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