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8. At the Cross, pt. 2 Repentance and Redemption

1. God does not "make it up as He goes along."
2. The covenant of redemption
3. The covenant of redemption is a corollary to the doctrine of the Trinity. This is not a covenant between God and humans. It is a covenant among the between the Father and the Son.

4. Three Pictures of Redeeming in the Old Testament

The Hebrew root words used most often for the concept of redemption are pada, gaal and kapar.

- A. The verb pada is a legal term concerning the substitution required for the person or animal delivered

Exodus 13:13

¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

Numbers 18:16

¹⁶And their redemption price (at a month old you shall redeem them) you shall fix at five shekels in silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.

- B. The verb gaal is a legal term for the deliverance of some person, property, or right to which one had a previous claim through family relation or possession.

Ruth 4:1-6

Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. ²And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. ³Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. ⁴So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the

presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it." ⁵Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth, the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance." ⁶Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

- C. The verb, *kapar* is to cover. To cover sin, atone, or make expiation are associated meanings. The substantive *koper* [רְפוּקָה] (ransom) is of interest in that it signifies a price paid for a life that has become forfeit

Psalm 130:8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

5. The New Testament and redemption

- A. Romans 4:25

²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

- B. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

- C. Matthew 20:28

²⁸even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- D. Romans 3:24

²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

6. Redemption is complete when Christ returns

Ephesians 4:30

³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

7. The Spirit gives the gift of repentance

A. Acts 11:18

¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

8. Repentance and Redemption on Monday morning