

Imagine your life as a ledger filled with every sin, regret, and failure. Through Christ's blood, that ledger has been stamped "Paid in Full." What "debts" do you still cling to as though Christ has not covered them? How could living in the reality of His once-for-all payment free you from guilt, fear, or shame? How might you bring glory to God in the way you live forgiven today?

Day 4: Sealed with the Spirit

Read and Reflect: Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 8:16-17

The Holy Spirit seals believers, marking us as God's own and guaranteeing our inheritance. The Spirit is God's pledge that what He began in us will be brought to completion.

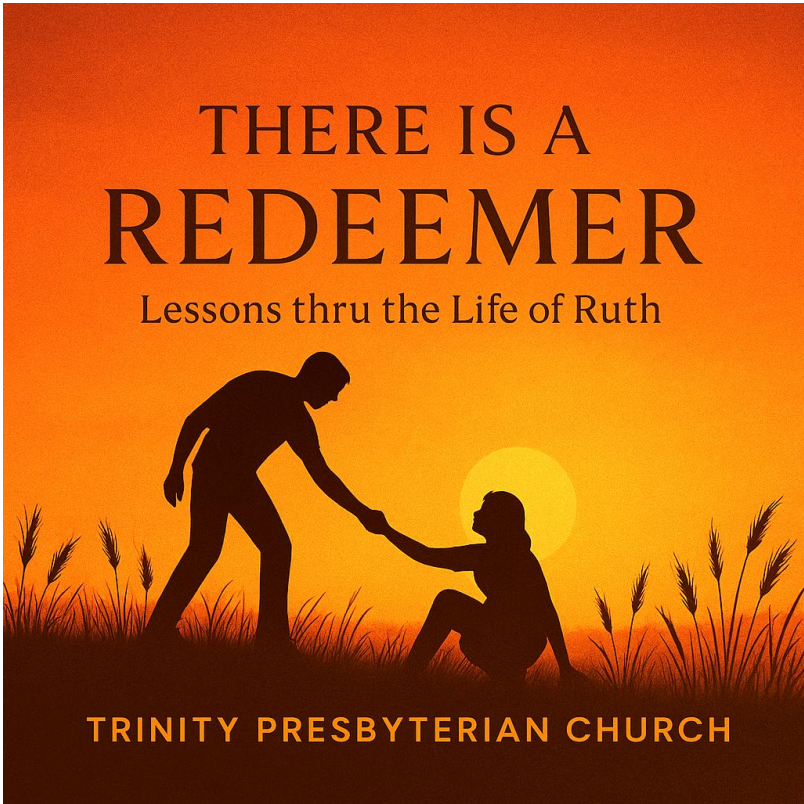
Think about the things in life that make you feel insecure or uncertain. How does the Spirit's seal speak to those fears? When have you most clearly sensed the Spirit reminding you that you belong to God? How can remembering the Spirit's presence give you confidence in your identity and courage in your trials?

Day 5: Glory to Come

Read and Reflect: Revelation 21:1-5

Redemption ends in glory. God will dwell with His people, wipe away every tear, and make all things new. The story that began in the garden will end in glory, with the redeemed enjoying God forever.

Picture the new creation — no more sorrow, no more sin, no more death. What emotions rise up as you imagine this? How might fixing your eyes on this promised glory transform the way you endure hardship today? What would change about your priorities if you lived every day in light of eternity?



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THERE IS A REDEEMER:
From Garden to Glory
Ephesians 1:3-14

SERMON NOTES

Main Idea:

God's redemption stretches from eternity past to eternity future – planned before creation, accomplished at the cross, and guaranteed into glory.

Chosen in Eternity – Redemption Planned (v. 3-6)

1. God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.
2. Redemption is not plan B; it was God's design from the start.
3. His plan is relational; adoption into His family, not just repair for sin.

Key thought: Your story begins not with your failures or achievements, but with God's eternal love.

Redeemed at the Cross – Redemption Accomplished (v. 7-12)

1. Costly: Purchased with the precious blood of Christ.
2. Purposeful: Every promise, from Eden to Abraham to David, converges at the cross.
3. Glorious: Our redemption magnifies Christ and puts God's glory on display.

Key thought: Your past no longer defines you; Christ's sacrifice does. Live free, forgiven, and for His glory.

Sealed for Glory – Redemption Applied and Completed (v. 13-14)

1. Redemption must be received personally: hear the gospel and believe.
2. Sealed: God's mark of ownership, authenticity, and security.
3. Guaranteed: The Spirit is God's pledge of the inheritance to come.

Key thought: When doubts or suffering tempt you, remember: your inheritance is guaranteed. Lift your eyes and anchor your hope.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Chosen in Eternity

Read and Reflect: Ephesians 1:3-6

Before the foundation of the world, God chose us in Christ. Redemption is not a reaction but the intention of His eternal plan. And His plan is relational – adoption into His family through His Son.

Take some time to ponder this: before you ever lived a single day, God set His love on you in Christ. How does this change the way you think about your identity, your failures, your achievements? Where do you struggle to believe you are God's beloved child? What would it look like to rest in His adopting love instead of trying to earn His approval?

Day 2: Promise through the Ages

Read and Reflect: Genesis 3:15; Galatians 4:4-5

From Eden onward, God promised a Redeemer who would crush the serpent. In the fullness of time, He sent His Son to redeem us and secure our adoption. God's promises are steady, even when human history is chaotic.

Where do you see the brokenness of sin most clearly in your life or in the world around you? How does it encourage you to know that God's promise of redemption is older and stronger than your sin or suffering? How might you live differently today if you trusted that His promises never fail?

Day 3: Redeemed at the Cross

Read and Reflect: Ephesians 1:7-12

Redemption is costly — purchased by the blood of Christ. It is purposeful — fulfilling God's eternal plan. And it is glorious — putting His grace and power on display through our lives.