

## *The Price of Redemption*

### *Luke 23:26-49*

It is sometimes said that there are two kinds of people in the world: people who say there are two kinds of people in the world, and people who don't. Luke clearly fell into the former category. He believed that there are only two kinds of people, not just in this world, but also in the world to come. He shows us these two kinds of people at the cross, one crucified on the left side of Jesus, and the other on the right.

As many preachers have said, that one thief was saved so that no sinner might despair, but only one, so that no sinner might presume. Sometimes in his mercy and grace, God saves people the way he save the convert on the cross: right before they die. But why wait until then? The other thief was dying too, but he was never saved... This is the choice that every person must make: to repent, to believe, and to pray, or else to die without faith in Jesus and never make it to paradise. Which side of the cross are you on? Ryken

- I. The purpose of Jesus sacrifice was to purchase men and women for God (Rev. 5:9-10). His blood was the price he paid to redeem us and set us free from the bondage of sin. The benefit we reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life (Rom. 6:18, 22).

Eph 1:17; John 8:36

***Ephesians 1:7*** *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.*

***Galatians 5:1*** *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

- II. The tremendous suffering Jesus endured as the sacrificial Lamb of God was absolutely necessary to secure our redemption. Even in the midst of unheard suffering, he still reached out to the lost to warn them and draw them unto himself so that they too might be saved from the coming judgment.

Luke 23:26-43; Matt 27:24-31; Isa 53:12; Ps 22:6,8,16,18

- III. Jesus faced sins darkness in all its evilness without flinching so that we could be healed by his wounds. The peace our redemption brought, grants us access to God so that we may freely approach him as those who have been made permanently holy and blameless in his sight.

Luke 23:44-49; Zeph 1:15; Amos 8:9-10; Acts 6:7; Heb 10:19-20; Eph 6:18b-19; 1 Peter 1:18; Gal 3:13; 1 Cor. 6:20

*Isa 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

*Eph 1:4-6 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.*