

## **Your Identity in Christ I am Redeemed!**

The truest thing about you is not what you think about you. The truest thing about you is not even what others think about you. The truest thing about you is what the Bible says about you. God has given people a natural search for meaning and significance that is designed to lead to Him.

A basic, personal need of everyone in this room is to regard himself or herself as a worthwhile human being. There is a way to measure your worth to God. ***How much are you worth to God?*** The price that God paid to purchase a relationship with you was the life of His Son. God paid Jesus to buy a relationship with you.

You can determine the value of something by the price that someone is willing to pay.

We actually have that in Scripture. Jesus told us exactly what God was willing to pay to get you. The reason this is important is because you will be tempted to measure your worth in the wrong way. If you chase that down, you will draw your identity, significance and value based on what you do rather than who you are. Someday...what you do will diminish or be taken away from you. It's a good thing for you that the truest thing about you is what the Bible says about you.

You might not ever do what you are supposed to do if you don't know who you are. Now we are ready for the hard-to-believe words of Jesus.

*The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.*  
Mark 10:45

The Old Testament pattern of **redemption** is clearly displayed in Scripture:

1. Problem
2. Intervention
3. Deliverance

**Redemption: *Buying something back that had been lost or taken captive by paying the ransom price.***  
When Jesus said He would give His life as a ransom, the principle was life for life.

Your identity was imprinted upon you before time began.

Before time began, you were loved.

Before the world was created, you were chosen.

Before the first people were given life, your life was set to be redeemed.

If you can fully grasp who you were created to be, it will be much easier to understand what you are called to do and where you fit in the big picture. So often we get that backwards. We look at what we can do – what we are good at; gifted at and try to draw our identity from that.

***God's Word speaks deeply to your soul that you are immensely valuable to Him.***

**You have been redeemed!**