**Redemption Power**

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1. **OPENING MESSAGE:**

I will start this sermon with a redemption song. Because, we need to celebrate the redemptive work which Jesus did for us on the Calvary. The bible says; **Isaiah 51:11** *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.* **Do not forget, redemption songs can only be sung by the redeemed of the Lord.**

Therefore let’s sing **Hymn 714** of The Apostolic Church Hymn book (stanza 2 &4)

 **English**

 (2) Let those refuse to sing (4.) Then let our song abound,

 Who never knew our God And every tear be dry,

 But children of the heavenly King We’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground,

 Shall speak their joys abroad To fairer worlds on high.

 *We’re marching to Zion,*

*Beautiful, beautiful, Zion*

*We’re marching upward to Zion,*

*The Beautiful city of Godp*

 **Yoruba**

 (2) Awon Ti Ko Mo Kristi (4) Nje k’a ma korin lo

 Ko le jumo korin. Ka nu omije nu

 Sugbon awon ta rapada/2ce A nlo pelu Emmanueli/2ce

Ko le sai ho fayo/2ce S’aye didan loke/2ce

 *Awa nlo si Sion, Sion ti o darajulo,*

 *Awa ngoke lo si Sion, Ilu ti o dara Julo.*

* ***The story of a slave girl.***

B. **A BRIEF NARRATION OF HOW JESUS PURCHASED REDEMPTION FOR HUMANITY.**

* The fall of man in the Garden of Eden gave Satan opportunity to purchase human-beings and put them under his dominion or slavery.
* Ever since, anyone born to this world was under the dominion of Satan.
* That’s why Jesus decided to come to this world to redeem man from the hand of Satan.
* When Jesus was born, He brought redemption power to the world, but the power was not demonstrated until when he was crucified.
* As Jesus was been crucified on the cross, even when he was shedding His blood, Satan lost his dominion over humanity.
* On the third day of the crucifixion – the day of resurrection, the power of death could not hold Jesus captive anymore – he resurrected. When Apostle Paul got this revelation he said; **1Co 15:55** *O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*
* When Jesus resurrected from the dead, total freedom was given to human-beings.
* So you can be redeemed because Jesus has paid for your redemption with His blood.

**C SOME OF THOSE THINGS THAT JESUS PURCHASED FOR US WITH REDEMPTION POWER.**

1. **Freedom from Satanic Prison**. Jesus has paid for our release from Satanic prison – he has made us **the released** and not **the runaway**. This means Jesus has totally paid for our total freedom. You are not a runaway – you don’t need to run from Satan anymore.
2. **Freedom of Worship**. You have unchallenging freedom to worship God – your creator alone. You do not need to worship idols anymore. So many people worship idols by force and out of fear thinking that the idols will not kill or do them havoc, this is a lie. Idols are non-living beings, you are a living being. This means that you are greater than any idol. **How can the living being worship the non-living being?** You are greater than idols; the only thing that is greater than you is the Supreme Being – God. Redemption power has delivered you from idol worship.
3. **Freedom of Sacrifice**. Do not be deceived, there is no need for you to make any sacrifice to any god anymore. Jesus Christ has made himself the only sacrifice for the world. If anybody asks you to carry or make a sacrifice to an idol because of a thing, such person is putting in the bondage. There is no need for you to make any sacrifice anymore. You do not need to make any sacrifice because of your problems, just call the name of Jesus Christ (even now) the problems will disappear.
4. **Freedom from eternal bondage**. Do you know that redemption power has freed us from eternal bondage? But it is a pity, so many people do not know. And because of the fear of death, they go back to the trap which they had once delivered from. **Hebrews 2:15** *And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage*. Do you know that you do not need to join the groups of darkness because of protection or safety? Your protection and safety can be guaranteed through the blood of Jesus.
5. **Mutual Relationship with God**. Redemption power has brought God and human beings together mutually. You do not need to appease any demon anymore. Do not be deceived, you cannot appease demon with anything. Rather, you can destroy demons with the blood of Jesus. The devil does not want you to know this truth that is why he blindfolds you. Stop appeasing demons with your belongings. You can rebuke them, and they will leave your life.
6. **Power and Authority**. You do not need to go to Satan before you can get power and authority. When Jesus shed His blood on the cross, the blood destroys all powers that the devil possessed. Through the blood of Jesus, you can destroy any power that any man claims to have and use to afflict. If you can give your life to Jesus, He will give you power and authority over the devil.
7. **Medication for healing**. You do not need to drink your urine or the urine of any animal to cure a sickness. Redemption power has provided the blood of Jesus as sure medicine to cure all diseases. If you can decide to give your life to Jesus Christ and by faith drink the blood of Jesus Christ, your sickness will be cured immediately. Please, try it now!

**D THERE ARE NUMEROUS PEOPLE ON HIS GROUND WHO HAVE BEEN SOLD TO THE HAND OF SATAN, IF THEY CAN SURRENDER THEIR LIVES TO JESUS, THEY WILL BE REDEEMED.**

* **Who are those?**
* Those who sometimes ago went to seek children through satanic means.
* Those who are possessed of the devils.
* Those who have joined cultic group in order to secure position or to be rich.
* Those who suck animal’s blood for protection or ritual.
* Those who use fetish powers, magical rings, charms, demonic perfumes to command sales in their business.
* Those who bath with the water which has been mixed up with the blood of birds – doves.
* Those who bath with the water used to bath a dead person.
* Those who had slept in a coffin before or using a coffin for evil works.
* Those who can fly from one place to another through evil powers.
* Those who can turn from human being to cat, lizard, snake, goats or anything to perpetrate evil.
* Those who communicate with spirits through candles or evil lamp..
* Those who dine and wine at satanic altar.
* Those who turn to a fish swimming in the river while asleep.
* Those who commit several forms of sexual immoralities
* The idol priest and his children. **Why?** ***The pathetic story of a young man in Benin City.***

1. **WHAT IS THE WAY OUT?**
* If they can accept Jesus Christ today and have faith in the redemptive work of Christ, you shall be redeemed. Because Jesus has paid the price of your redemption.
* ***The story of a lady who was delivered from the captivity of an idol priest in a City.***
* **Altar call…**

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* This is the power that can bring you out of the dominion of Satan because Jesus has paid for your freedom with his blood.
* Many people think it is not easy to come out from the works of darkness. Truly, it wouldn’t have been possible if someone has not made provision for it.
* But it is possible! That is why Jesus died and used His blood as a sacrifice for our redemption from the hand of Satan.
* The story of a slave girl.
* There some sets of people on this ground today, the Lord has destined you to serve and proclaim His name, but it is pitiable you are in the den of Satan.
* The Lord asked me to tell that today is the day of your salvation.
* God said, He has been calling you, He has been appearing and talking to you to leave the works of darkness and come into the light of Jesus Christ.
* God said, you should no longer harden your hearts anymore, so that those terrible things that are happening to you stop.
* **Revelation 3:20** *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*
* **The sets of those people are:**
* The idol worshipers.
* Those who carry egungun masquerade.
* The man who is presently in trouble of death because he engaged in money ritual.
* Check the sermon paper in case of others.
* You can come out of the darkness and nothing will harm you because of the redemption power.
* All you need to do is simply to surrender your precious life to Jesus so that you will not perish.
* The end of idol worship, money ritual etc. is hellfire.
* Do not be afraid, nothing can harm you. The power of redemption is enough for your protection.
* ***The story of a man who was converted from igunnun idol worship to Christ.***
* ***The story of a herbalist whose nineteen wife died because he got power from the darkness***.
* ***Altar call***…