

“Ransomed!”

Pirates, Payments, and the People of God

Matt. 20:28 & Mk. 10:45; Galatians 3:10-14, 24

Pirates swarm over a cargo ship traversing the Gulf of Aden off the coast of Somalia. The crew is kidnapped, and immediately a demand for large sums of money goes out. Often company officials pay large ransoms to insure the safe release of its employees. Jesus Christ had a similar mission when he came “to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mt. 20:28). Learn today of the enslavement of sin and the AMAZING ransom paid to free you from its bondage. Walk joyfully in the “expensive freedom” secured by your Savior!

I. Ransom! Because ____ were _____. (v 10)

1. In Bible times a _____ was given to secure freedom for _____.
2. In acts of _____, ransom is paid to _____ a person.
3. Humanity finds itself under the _____ of the _____ (v 13a).
4. The _____ of this enslavement to sin? *“It consists especially in the privation of God ... the worst ingredient of the curse is the loss of God, or the absence and complete withdrawal of God from a human soul, made to be his habitation.”* (Smeaton)

II. Ransom! It’s _____ by Jesus for his _____ people. (v 13)

1. He “_____ the way for us to inherit the promised blessings, blessings that he earned for us by his own perfect obedience.” (Bridges)
2. Jesus paid _____ in his capacity as _____. God both demanded the ransom price and _____ it in the death of his Son!

III. Ransom! We are _____ and receive _____. (v 14, 4:4-5; 1 Pet. 1:18).

1. We receive the Holy Spirit _____.
2. Redeemed from the _____ ways of life handed down.
3. The blessing of _____:
4. The blessing of _____:
5. The blessing of _____: