

PURCHASE AND REDEMPTION



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Purchase implies a change of masters. **Redemption** signifies a change of state or condition. The two terms are constantly confounded in current theology.

The world--of things and persons-is bought or purchased (Matt. 13. 44); the field is the world (verse 38); (Heb. 2. 9 ; 2 Peter 2. 1) . Believers only are redeemed, and that by the precious blood of Christ (I Peter 1. 18; Eph. 1. 7; Rev. 5. 9); their bodies await redemption by power at the coming of the Lord (Rom. 8. 23; Phil. 3. 20, 21).

Scripture intimates the purchase of mankind, but never the redemption of the race. The purchased things (not persons) of Heaven and earth await redemption (Eph. 1. 14). The redemption of persons, of believers, is a present truth; the redemption of things is yet future.

To sum up. All persons and things are purchased, and as such belong to Christ, but believers only now share and enjoy redemption by blood, as their bodies will by and by from the effects of sin by power, and at Christ's coming. The wicked are purchased, but are never said to be

redeemed by blood. The heavens and the earth are purchased, but await redemption by power. Israel was redeemed by power at the Red Sea (Exod. 14) , and will yet share in Christ's redemption by blood in the blessed future awaiting them.