REDEEMED INTO FAMILY

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BIG IDEA: Why did Jesus die and what did it accomplish? In sum, thru his death, he working redemption—bringing us back into his Family.

"gave himself for us to <u>redeem</u> us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good." **Titus 2:14** (Gal. 3:13-14; Eph. 1:7; Rom. 3:24)

"My <u>Father's house</u> has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." **John 14:2-3**

The work of redemption is all about bringing you back into God's loving, growing, imperfect but wonderful FAMILY!

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called <u>children of God!</u> And that is what we are!" **1 John 3:1**

A patriarch [God] redeems by taking responsibility, putting his own resources on the line, to bring back a family member.

Why we need Redemption:

1. Those who, due to crippling life circumstances, was lost to the fam and must be Redeemed out of <u>POVERTY</u>.

(Ruth, Naomi, Boaz)

2. Those seized by an enemy against whom he had no defense, need to be Redeemed out of BONDAGE.

Lot & Abraham, Gen 14

3. Those who find themselves enslaved by consequences of a faithless life need to be redeemed from SIN.

Gomer & Hosea

"Buy her back."

"you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ"

1 Peter 1:18-19

"Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God" Isaiah 59:1-2

God has ¹ Taken responsibility

² Put his own resources/himself on the line

³ To rescue you back in his family.