

Redemption Revealed 2

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REDEMPTION'S PRICE:

I Peter 1:18-19 (TLB) - ¹⁸ God paid a ransom to save you from the impossible road to heaven which your fathers tried to take, and the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver as you very well know. ¹⁹ But he paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

STEVEN'S ECHO:

Acts 7:54-60;8:1 (NLT) - ⁵⁴ The Jewish leaders were infuriated by Stephen's accusation, and they shook their fists at him in rage. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand. ⁵⁶ And he told them, "Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing in the place of honor at God's right hand!" ⁵⁷ Then they put their hands over their ears and began shouting. They rushed at him ⁵⁸ and dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. His accusers took off their coats and laid them at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ As they stoned him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ He fell to his knees, shouting, "Lord, don't charge them with this sin!" And with that, he died.

¹ Saul was one of the witnesses, and he agreed completely with the killing of Stephen.....

PAUL'S ECHO:

Acts 9:17-20 (NLT) - ¹⁷ So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. ¹⁹ Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength. Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days. ²⁰ And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!"

OUR ECHO:

II Corinthians 5:17-21 - ¹⁷ When anyone is joined to Christ, he is a new being, a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the privilege of making others his friends also. ¹⁹ Our message is that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of restoring man to divine favor. ²⁰ Here we are, His ambassadors, speaking for Christ, as though God himself were making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf: let God change you from enemies into his friends and be reconciled to Him! ²¹ For God made Jesus, who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.