

"RANSOM VS REDEMPTION"

Dear Reader, when you talk to a Jehovah's Witness, you will notice that if you start to talk about **redemption**, they get quite defensive about it ... and **replace it**, with the word "**ransom**".

"Oh yes" they will say "we believe that Christ is our ransom" and they point to the scriptures that say

*"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a **ransom** for many."* ([Matthew 20:28](#))

*"Who gave himself a **ransom** for all, to be testified in due time."* ([1 Timothy 2:6](#))

Ah yes! One verse from Christ himself, under the kingdom of heaven dispensation, and one verse from Paul preaching the kingdom of God.

So what's the difference?

A ransom gives **temporary** security while a redemption gives permanent and **eternal** security.

So?

JW's wrongly believe you can lose your salvation, so they go for the weaker word of "ransom". Yes, it is the price that was paid by Jesus Christ for a start, but then Christ's ransom is also the redemption.

Mathematically speaking, a 'redemption' is a **subset** of 'ransom' but not the other way around, that is, all redemptions are ransoms but not all ransoms are redemptions.

Ransom = temporary salvation ... you can lose it.

Redemption = permanent salvation ... you can't lose it.

Even in the Old testament the distinction is made between the two words as follows:

*"None of them can by any means **redeem** (permanent) his brother, nor give to God a **ransom** (temporary) for him:"* ([Psalm 49:7](#))

"I will **ransom** (temporary) them from the power of the grave; I will **redeem** (permanent) them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes." ([Hosea 13:14](#))

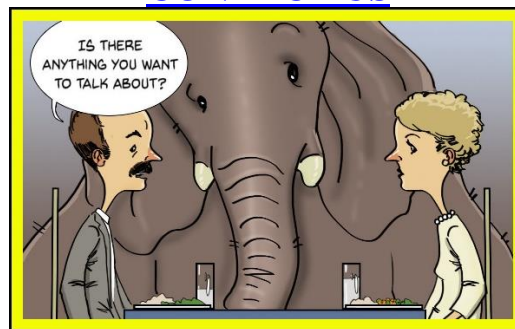
Summary:

If you pay a **ransom** for a person he can revert back to his previous owner by being bought back again.

If that person is **redeemed**, there is **no** going back to his previous owner as the tie has been permanently and irrevocably cut.

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