



"WHAT IS REDEMPTION MONEY?"

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([Numbers 3:49](#))

It was reported that Frank Sinatra, when he was alive, said to the Pope "How much money would I have to pay for you to hear my confession and clear my conscience?"

Now whether or not it was officially accepted by the Catholic church remains a secret, however this practice is still rife among Catholics today.

But of course, Dear Reader, this is sadly the case among the Christian churches as well.

Somehow, people wrongly have in their mind that they can appease God's wrath, and get into his good books, by giving money.

Q: But where in the Bible is support for this practice?

A: Nowhere! However with a mindless slice of dispensational and 'pea-under-the-cup' bastardry, the following Old Testament verse is wrongly used to support this blasphemous practice.

*"And Moses took the **redemption money** of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites:"* ([Numbers 3:49](#))

A bit confusing? Let me explain ...

Early on in Israel's exodus into the desert from Egypt, God had Moses number all of Israel's firstborn over the age of one month, and that number came to **22,273**.

Now, in comparison, the number of firstborn Levite children over the age of one month was **22,000**.

That meant that Israel had, as a whole, **273 more** firstborn children than the Levites.

Now these 273 were considered **unholy**; and under a **curse**; and considered as **dead** to the LORD ... and money had to be paid to Aaron and the Levites as a compensation ... a **redemption** ... to **buy them back** and bring them back under the holiness of the Levites.

*"And I, behold, I have taken the **Levites** from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore **the Levites shall be mine;**" ([Numbers 3:12](#))*

and again

"And I have taken the Levites for all the firstborn of the children of Israel." ([Numbers 8:18](#))

But what was the reasoning behind this?

1. The **Levites** were the **holy** of the LORD God ([2 Chronicles 23:6](#))
2. The **Levites** were the **firstborn** of the LORD ([Numbers 8:18](#))
3. Anyone person **outside** of the Levite umbrella was considered **unclean, cursed and unholy.**
4. Under Aaron, God chose a holy race, the Levites, and all others were deemed as 'unsaved' ... that meant money had to be paid for their redemption. Money to be paid for their separation from their ungodly state.

BUT TODAY ...

All those outside of Christ, his being the new priesthood ([Matthew 3:16](#)), are cursed and **NEED REDEMPTION WITH HIS BLOOD ... NOT WITH MONEY.**

Now there **three** verses that support this in the New Testament

*Who (Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the **firstborn** of every creature: ([Colossians 1:15](#))*

*And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the **firstborn** from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. ([Colossians 1:18](#))*

*To the general assembly and church of the **firstborn**, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, ([Hebrews 12:23](#)) ...this verse meaning that only the firstborns are in heaven ... only those in Christ are saved.*

The firstborn of anything is the LORD'S

*"**Sanctify unto me all the firstborn**, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine." ([Exodus 13:2](#))*

*"And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the matrix, being males; **but all the firstborn of my children I redeem.**" ([Exodus 13:15](#))*

In summary:

The 273 were cursed and unholy ... therefore
They needed redemption.

They needed to be bought.
 They were not the holy ones.
 They were born outside of holiness
 In the OT money was redemption to be paid to the Levites who were the holy ones

When God chose the Levites they were

The first born
 The separated ones
 The holy ones
 The first
 The Levites are mine says the LORD
 They are the firstborn
 None other shall be the firstborn
 Holiness came from the Levites

Dear Reader, are you of the firstborn?

*"And knew her not till she had brought forth her **firstborn** son: and he called his name **JESUS**."* ([Matthew 1:25](#))

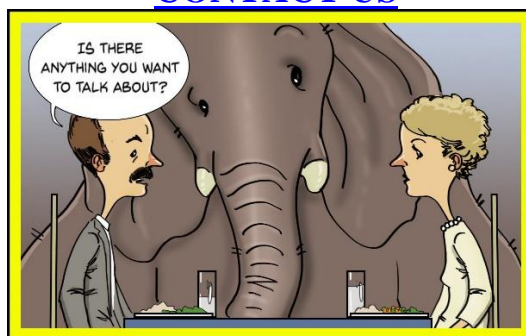
*"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his **Son**, that he might be the **firstborn** among many brethren."* ([Romans 8:29](#))

You **cannot** pay redemption money to get saved.

You can **only** be redeemed by the blood of the Lamb ([Revelation 1:5](#)).

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