



LifeGroup Study
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PAID IN FULL
Participant Notes

OVERVIEW: Welcome to our LifeGroup study, PAID IN FULL. On this date we are celebrating two amazing things God has done. First, we are celebrating that the mortgage on our church building and property in Waterloo is PAID IN FULL. This celebration is an incredible testimony to our God who has provided through the generous hearts of many Creeksiders. The second celebration today is those who are being baptized. Each baptism story is a testimony pointing to Jesus, our Redeemer, who has PAID IN FULL the debt we owed for our sin. For our LifeGroup study today, we'll explore what it means to us that Jesus has redeemed us, that our debt has been PAID IN FULL.

ICEBREAKER: It's Paid For

About 3 years ago our family went out to a restaurant that was recommended to us by a friend. Our dining experience that evening was among the best we have had. It was an incredible meal and the service was excellent. At the end of the evening, the manager of the restaurant came to our table and said, "Your meal has been paid for." We were blown away! This was an unexpected and wonderful gift. How about you? Have you ever had someone say to you – "It's paid for"? Or, have you covered the cost for someone? **Share your story with the group!**

STUDY:

1. I owed a DEBT I could not pay.

READ: Romans 3:23

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. NLT

- **What does it mean that "we all fall short of God's glorious standard"?**
- **Why is it important that we measure ourselves by God's standard and not our own?**

READ: Isaiah 59:1-2

Listen! The LORD's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call.

² It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore. NLT

- **How do these verses speak to our need to be redeemed?**

READ: John 8:34

³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. NIV

- Every one of us is a "slave" to sin. **How does this speak to our need to be redeemed?**

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, has PAID my debt.

READ: Galatians 3:13-15

¹³ Christ *paid the price* to free us from the curse that the laws in Moses' Teachings bring by becoming cursed instead of us. Scripture says, "Everyone who is hung on a tree is cursed." ¹⁴ Christ *paid the price* so that the blessing promised to Abraham would come to all the people of the world through Jesus Christ and we would receive the promised Spirit through faith. GOD'S WORD translation

- **According to verse 13, what did Jesus become in order to redeem us?**
- **These verses tell us that Jesus *paid the price* for us. How did He do this?**

- Galatians 3:14 says, "Christ paid the price so that the blessing promised to Abraham would come to all the people of the world ...". **What was the blessing promised to Abraham?**

3. Part of the Gospel message is "PAID IN FULL".

READ the following quote from John Piper

"The gospel of Jesus Christ is that all who believe in him are bought with a price. They will never come into condemnation. The judgment day is past. It was 2,000 years ago. When Jesus died, the debt was paid. Justice has been done. We are free. And God is not against us but for us, if we will accept his gift and trust him."

- **How does this quote help you understand the Gospel message, "PAID IN FULL"?**

READ: Romans 6:23

²³For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in^[a] Christ Jesus our Lord.

- The Gospel message is found in the little word "but" in this verse. **Why is the word "but" so important?**
- **How might you respond to someone who says, "You don't know what I've done. I can never be forgiven by God."?**

READ the following quote from John Piper

With all my heart I commend to you the infinitely valuable Jesus Christ. He is the Father's full and sufficient price for sinners. If you receive him, then from this day forward every time your conscience dredges up the sin of the past and says, "You will pay!" you will be able to say, "God has already paid. I have been bought with a price." John Piper

- **How does the quote encourage you that your debt has been "PAID IN FULL"?**

4. I've been REDEEMED.

Read through the following verses about how God has redeemed us. **How do these verses encourage you that your debt has been paid in full?**

Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God **redeemed** you. Deut. 15:15 NIV

Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God **redeemed** you from there. That is why I command you to do this. Deut. 24:18 NIV

And who is like your people Israel—the one nation on earth that God went out to **redeem** as a people for himself, and to make a name for himself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you **redeemed** from Egypt? 2 Samuel 7:23 NIV

Let the **redeemed** of the LORD tell their story— those he **redeemed** from the hand of the foe, Psalm 107:2 NIV

But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have **redeemed** you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. Isaiah 43:1 NIV

They will be called the Holy People, the **Redeemed** of the LORD; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted. Isaiah 62:12 NIV

For 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, 1 Peter 1:18 NIV

“This is what the LORD says— Israel’s King and **Redeemer**, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Isaiah 44:6 NIV

This is what the LORD says— your **Redeemer**, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. Isaiah 48:17 NIV

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and *with your blood you purchased* for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. Revelation 5:9

PRAYER:

Spend some time together in group thanking God that your debt has been PAID IN FULL.
Ask Him to help you to live in the freedom He has purchased for you.