

"Let the Redeemed of the Lord say so!"

<u>Redeemed</u> = Rescued from the curse of all sin and punishment! Forgiven of all sin! Jesus is the Ransom for all of humanity **IF** they turn to Him and repent and put their trust in Him alone!

Psalm 107:1-2

- The Bible tells us to SAY so! To SPEAK out!
- If you read this verse to a kid the kid will look at you and shrug his or her shoulders and say "so" LOL (But...this is so powerful!)
- Psalm 105 and 106 tells of how God rescued the Israelites in foreign land.
- Psalm 105 is the Exodus out of Egypt! Psalm 106 is the Wilderness generation.
- Psalm 106 ends with "Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your Holy Name and glory in Your praise."
- Psalm 106 is the "cliffhanger and last episode" of Season 1, and Psalm 107 is the 'First episode of Season 2...the new chapter and beginning!"
- Psalm 107 God has been so faithful to us...what is our response to Him like the Israelites? To "say so!" To tell it! To speak it! To share it and show it to everyone!!!
- Tell everyone of God's amazing grace and mercy!
- See, we are to thank the Lord because He is so good to Israel and to us today! Verse 1
- Then, our life change and testimony of how good He is to us is to <u>be said and showed by us! Verse 2</u>
- Our testimony is always about Jesus and how Jesus changed our life!
- Our story is a story of redemption! A rescue!
- Ephesians 1:7 He redeemed us!!!
- Revelation 12:11 Share about the blood of Jesus Christ forgiving your sins and share it...say so!
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 / John 1:9 Such Good News!!!!
- He is so good, that He is working even in our bad, worst and tragic times. Romans 8:28 (To become like Jesus in the way that we think, speak and live)

Let's look real quick at a couple of people who were redeemed!

1. <u>Joseph went through the worst</u> by being sold into slavery by his own brothers, his brothers then lying about what happened, Joseph being falsely accused of rape by Potiphar's wife and then put in prison for 13 years...innocent! <u>But, God was working the entire time!</u>

- We know that Joseph was <u>very prideful</u> when he was young by the way that he told his
 dreams to his brothers and parents. This opened a door for his brothers to hate him. His
 father also showed him more favor than to the others...another reason to hate!
- (They were in the wrong 100%, but don't do anything to create a mess for yourself!)
- But, in spite of all that happened to Joseph, we see Joseph say so! Genesis 50:20
- This is so inspiring, that if he can say this <u>after all that he faced and went through</u>...what about you and me? Say so!
- The favor of God was upon Joseph the entire time...God is good!

2. Peter, Jesus' disciple denied Jesus Christ! This was one of Jesus' closest disciples!

- You never know what our hearts are capable of Jeremiah 17:9, but thank God for 2 Corinthians 5:17!!!
- Jesus was working in Peter's life and He is working in ours today!
- Romans 10:13-15 // John 3:16-17
- Jesus warned Peter about Satan Luke 22:31-34 / Why? Jesus had plans for Him!
- In Matthew 16:18, Jesus told Peter some very important things! See, the church is not built on Peter but on Jesus! But, Jesus used Peter to launch the church in Acts 2:14!
- The <u>testimony of Jesus and the testimony of Jesus redeeming Peter's life and all</u> humanity!
- Ephesians 2:20 Jesus is the <u>Cornerstone!</u> The lives of the Apostles and Prophets are the <u>foundational testimonies</u> of God's amazing grace!
- We continue to build on this today by our lives!!! Colossians 2:6-8
- Peter denies Jesus 3 x's Luke 22:54-61
- But, watch what he does...Luke 22:62 "Wept Bitterly" / Peter did right...he repented!
- Peter was willing to be changed by Jesus! Even though there were a few really bad moments in his life...look at his spirit here for Jesus! John 13:6-9!
- Peter said so!!! Have all of me Jesus!!!
- If you read the New Testament Books of 1st & 2nd Peter, you will see Peter say so!!!

Acts 17:6 - "These are the men who turned the world upside down!"

• They said so with their mouths and said so with their lives!!!

<u>Closing</u>: Before we take Communion, I want to show you something that happened last Sunday after church that was meant for evil and harm.

- I'm not worried...Galatians 3:13 tells me that Jesus <u>said so!</u> I will continue to <u>say so!!!!!</u>

 No curse on the believer who has Jesus Christ as their Lord & Savior!!!
- We are redeemed from it all!!!!
- Romans 1:16| Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

<u>Communion</u> – we take this together as we remember the plan, life, sacrifice, resurrection, ascension and future 2nd return our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!