

LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD SAY SO

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The Psalmist of old said, "*O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy*" (Psa. 107: 1, 2). Israel had full proof of God's goodness and mercy; God had saved (redeemed) them over and over from their enemies. Israel should indeed "say so" in praise and honor to God "*for His wonderful works to the children of men*" (Psa. 107:8).

The "**Redeemed**" of the Lord today are **Christians**; they have been redeemed from all iniquity by the blood of Jesus Christ (Titus 2:14; I Pet. 1: 18, 19). They reached the benefits of the redeeming blood when they were baptized into His death (Rom. 6:3). As the "Redeemed" of the Lord today, we need to rise up and "say so" about many things (I Pet. 2:9; I Tim. 3:15).

IN MANNER OF LIFE

The Redeemed need to "say so" in the way they live before the world. They are to live a "chaste" life, being pure in heart and in conduct (Titus 2:5). They are to be modest in dress, not showing nudity and arousing lust in others (Matt. 5:28). Women should not come into the assemblies of the saints (or go anywhere else for that matter) wearing clothing that is too short, too tight or cut too low (in back or in front) ! This is not the dress of women who profess godliness (I Tim. 2:9)! God is not pleased with His Redeemed when they go naked before the world. He clothed Adam and Eve after they sinned in the garden (Gen. 3: 7, 21), and this teaches us that He wants us to be clothed. The Redeemed are to be pure in speech (Eph. 4: 29). They are to "*flee youthful lusts*" and fornication (II Tim. 2:22; I Cor. 6:18). They are not to be conformed to the world (Rom. 12: 21), but transformed -- to be "salt" and "light" (Matt. 5: 13, 16). Yes, the Redeemed of the Lord need to "say so" in the way they live.

IN STUDYING AND LEARNING GOD'S WORD

The Redeemed of the Lord need to "say so" in studying and learning the word of God; they need to search the scriptures daily (Acts 17:11) and study in order to rightly divide the word of truth (II Tim. 2:15). They need to study so they can understand what the will of the Lord is (Eph. 5:17), and so they can give a scriptural answer for what they believe with authority from heaven (I Pet. 3:15; Matt. 28:18). Yes, the Redeemed of the Lord need to "say so" in Bible knowledge.

IN "CHURCH ATTENDANCE"

The Redeemed need to "say so" in the way they attend the services of the church; they need to attend all the Bible classes, all the regular worship services and all the services of gospel meetings (unless it is impossible to get there). To forsake the assemblies (Heb. 10:25) is to sin willfully (Heb. 10:26), to trod underfoot the Son of God, to count "*the blood of the covenant an unholy thing*", and to "*do despite unto the Spirit of grace*" (Heb. 10:29) ! Some reasons that the Redeemed need to "say so" in attendance is that they need to be an example to others (I Tim. 4:12), and they need to be fed spiritually (I Pet. 2:2). Also, they need to realize that the Lord keeps a complete and perfect record of all our works of faith (II Cor. 5:10) and that this record will face us in the Judgment (Rev. 20:12). Yes, the Redeemed of the Lord need to "say so" in attendance.

IN DOCTRINE

The Redeemed today need to "say so" in doctrine. They need to "*earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*" (Jude 3). They need to "say so" in charging some that they teach no other doctrine (I Tim. 1:31), and in exposing "*divers and strange doctrines*" (Heb. 13:9). They need to "say so" in not compromising with error (Gal. 2:5). Yes, the Redeemed of the Lord need to rise up and "say so" in doctrine.

IN WORKING FOR THE MASTER

The Redeemed need to "say so" in working for the Master. They are to be "*always abounding in the work of the Lord.*" (I Cor. 15:58). God will not forget our work and labor for Him (Heb. 6:10); by our works our faith is made perfect (James 2:22). We are to "*work out our own salvation with fear and trembling*" (Phil. 2:12). Our works of faith will be brought into Judgment (II Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12). Yes, "*let the redeemed of the Lord say so*" in working for the Master.

When we, as the Redeemed of God, will rise up and "say so" in the purity of our lives, in the way we study and learn God's word, in the way we attend the services of the church, in our uncompromising stand for the truth of God, and in our diligence in working for the Master, then we will see many souls brought to Jesus Christ in obedience to His will.

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