## "Redeemed"

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a **wretch** like me..."

Ringing true even today, the words to this powerful hymn strike at the core of man, projecting him as miserable (miser), self-centered, and in desperate need of grace. To be lost then found, blind then given sight, mankind seeks a Redeemer. Thus, for man to be made **free**, a <u>liberation</u> (liber) from the chains of sin must come from outside himself, from someone sovereign, powerful and yet loving. I proclaim that through my own life, freedom from sin and death has come from God through his son, Jesus Christ!

By way of virgin birth, a concept unfathomable to the human mind,

Jesus <u>ventured</u> (venio) into this world to dwell among men. He, the Son of God,

came to make a way for us. The <u>filial</u> (filius) love from God the Father

towards Jesus Christ the Son was perfect and driven in purpose. The Father

had a plan that involved his own Son coming to earth to be the barrier
breaker between the <u>territory</u> (terra) of heaven and earth through

demolishing the wall of sin. Bearing death for me on the cross, Jesus

transported (porto) my sin onto Himself. Through His sacrificial act, He

carried my sin to the grave, burying its hold on me forever. My lot and my

portion were on His shoulders at the last breath; it was I who drove Him to

that place of assumed finality.

Yet, this <u>Intercessor</u> (cedo, cedere, cessi) for my sin did not **give way** to the decay of the grave. No! I tell you the **truth**, for the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead and lives today! Through <u>verifying</u> (veritas) His oneness with the Father in heaven and great love for us, Jesus conquered death, sin and all wretchedness. <u>Conviction</u> and guilt I feel over my every sin can be released by the **conquering** (vinco) blood shed by Christ. I am **filled** with Christ for I received the <u>completion</u> (compleo) only He can give.

When I chose to respond to His <u>nomination</u> (nomen) on my heart, my **name** was written the book of life. This gift of liberated life is for **all** mankind; surrendering to this <u>Omni</u>present (omni) Savior is to be our expected return. Because of Christ, I need not <u>timidly</u> (timeo) live my life with **fear** of the finalization of death. For, in Christ, life is eternal! He rose from the grave to not only conquer sin, but to **get ready** a <u>magnificent</u> (magnus) place for us in heaven. His mercy and **great** love surpass my understanding!

Now, the question of the hour is, are you <u>prepared</u> (*paratus*, -a, um) to be in such a perfect place for eternity? Who or what <u>occupies</u> (*occupo*) your heart? I <u>petition</u> (<u>beg</u>) (*peto*) you to <u>seize</u> the moment you are given and <u>seek</u>, as I did, the gift of everlasting life Jesus Christ freely gives. Let the **light** of Christ <u>illuminate</u> (*lux*, *lucis*) you from within, radiating <u>inciting</u> (*incito*) others to

be **aroused** from the sleep of sin. May you initiate <u>interrogation</u> (*rogo*) of every man by **asking** the questions that lead them to a realization of their need for a Savior. It is only through His *amazing grace* that this gift is made for the taking, so receive Christ today and let Him change you from the inside out.