

EXEGESIS

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To Redeem - ἐξαγοράζω in Gal 3:13

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I. Usage - Range of Meaning

- A. **ἐξαγοράζω** - occurs 4 times in NT only in Paul, probably as intensified form of ἀγοράζω
1. Christ's Redemption - in theological sense
Gal 3:13 Christ **redeemed** us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"--
Gal 4:5 in order that He might **redeem** those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
 2. Making the most of Time or Opportunity -
Eph 5:16 **making the most** of your time, because the days are evil.
Col 4:5 Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, **making the most** of the opportunity.

- B. **ἀγοράζω** - occurs 31 times in NT, main term in word group
1. To Buy - in literal commercial sense -> in gospels (21x) always in literal sense
 - a. Food - feeding of 5000 - Mt 14:15 ...; so send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and **buy** food for themselves." (= Mk 6:36-37, Lk 9:13, Jn 6:5)
woman at well -Jn 4:8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to **buy** food.
Passover - Jn 13:29 ..., "**Buy** the things we have need of for the feast"; ...
 - b. Land - Mt 13:44 ¶ "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has, and **buys** that field.
Lk 14:18 "... The first one said to him, 'I have **bought** a piece of land ...
Mt 27:7 ... & with the money **bought** the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers.
 - c. Oxen - Lk 14:19 "And another one said, 'I have **bought** five yoke of oxen ...
 - d. Pearl - Mt 13:46 & upon finding one pearl of great value, he went & sold all that he had, & **bought** it.
 - e. Oil - Mt 25:9-10 "... go instead to the dealers and **buy** some for yourselves.' "And while they were going away to make the **purchase**, the bridegroom came, ...
 - f. Sword - Lk 22:36 ..., and let him who has no sword sell his robe and **buy** one.
 - g. Linen sheet - Mk 15:46 & Joseph **bought** a linen cloth, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth, ...
 - h. Spices - Mk 16:1 ..., and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, **bought** spices, ...
 - i. Cargo - Rev 18:11 " ... weep & mourn over her, because no one **buys** their cargoes any more;
 - j. General - Mt 21:12 ¶ And Jesus entered the temple and cast out all those who were **buying** and selling ...
(= Mk 11:15, Lk 19:45)
Lk 17:28 "It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were **buying**, they were selling, they were planting, they were building;
1Co 7:30 ..., as though they did not rejoice; and those who **buy**, as though they did not possess;
Rev 13:17 & he provides that no one should be able to **buy** or to sell, except the one who has the Mark, ...
 2. To Buy - in figurative sense -> by Jesus to the church in Laodicea
Rev 3:18 I advise you to **buy** from Me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich, ...
 3. To Purchase or Redeem - in theological sense -> believers bought by Christ & now his slaves
 - a. Believers - 1Co 6:20 For you **have been bought** with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.
1Co 7:23 You **were bought** with a price; do not become slaves of men.
Rev 5:9 ..., "Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and didst **purchase** for God with Thy blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.
 - b. False teachers - 2Pe 2:1 ..., even denying the Master who **bought** them, bringing swift destruction ...
 - c. 144,000 - during the great tribulation
Rev 14:3-4 ... who had been **purchased** from the earth. These have been **purchased** from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

II. The Lexicon Classifications

- A. **ἀγοράζω** (A&G - 12) - buy, purchase 1. Literally 2. Buy, acquire as property
- B. **ἐξαγοράζω** (A&G - 271) - 1. Redeem, deliver 2. Make the most of time
- C. Others - there are other related terms in NT (λυτρόω, 3x) & also in OT (פדה, גאל)

III. The Meaning in Context

- Gal 3:13 - in theological intensified sense
believers **bought** by Christ **with the price** of His death & now his slaves