

## Redeemed! > Psalm 130:1-8

**130:1-2** *Hope for the Lord's mercy.* Much like a song, we begin this first “verse” with a cry, a need: the psalmist needs the Lord to hear, is desperate for the mercy of God.

**130:3-4** *Hope that comes from fear.* Moving into the “chorus” of the song, the psalmist tells us of his hope: the Lord doesn't hold a grudge, he doesn't keep a list of “naughty and nice.” Instead, the Lord actually and truly forgives.

**130:5-6** *Hope for the Lord to act.* The psalmist waits on the Lord – he waits not passively, but actively: with faith, with hope, with genuine trust. This is a believing kind of patience.

**130:7-8** *Hope in the Lord.* The final part of the psalm brings together themes from all throughout, focusing primarily on redemption: God will redeem his people. They will be rescued and restored into relationship with him.

**Background:** The Psalms of Ascent served as reminders of faith for God's people as they traveled to the yearly festivals.

**The Point:** The cross of Christ is where our brokenness meets God's forgiveness. His grace is enough to redeem His people.

**Head:** Know that our God forgives all who call upon Him.

**Heart:** Believe that the Lord is not like our world – He isn't looking to condemn. Rather, He invites all who trust Christ into an eternal life filled with hope, love, and redemption.

**Hands:** Who will you remind of Christ's hope this week?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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