

What do these companies have in common?



The Answer?



- These companies/financial institutions were among the more than **900** companies who were bailed out by the federal government (by us) in 2008.
- Total cost of this bailout was about **700 BILLION**.
- Fannie Mae received **116,149,000,000**; Regions received **3,500,000,000**.

Observations about this bailout



- Sound or not, we CAN agree on this...
- When you're bailed out like this, especially at such an enormous cost, you should...
 - Be grateful to those who bailed you out.
 - Be determined to **NOT** create the same mess.
 - Do whatever is necessary to pay them back.

Cost to redeem us, to bail us out?



- The blood of Jesus Christ.
 - 1 Peter 1:18–19.
 - Revelation 5:1–10.
- 700 billion—a staggering amount, but it doesn't even compare in value to the blood of Jesus.
- He gave something of much greater value than any amount of money—He gave Himself!

Continuing the analogy



- We got ourselves in deep debt with our sins, and Jesus bailed us out—at tremendous cost to Himself.
- We are now debtors to Him!
 - Romans 7:24–8:2, 12.
- Surely we're not going back to our old habits.

Continuing the analogy



- “Business as usual” just won’t cut it anymore.
- How should we **now** live, when we consider the tremendous price paid for our bailout, i.e., our redemption?
- What do we “owe” Him?

Consider carefully these passages



- Romans 6:4–6, 11, 16–18, 22.
- 1 Corinthians 6:18–20.
- 2 Corinthians 5:14–15.
- 1 Peter 1:13–19.
- 1 Peter 2:21–25.
- Titus 2:11–14.

Back to the analogy




- Representatives of some companies had to appear before Congress, because they didn't make the necessary changes—post bailout.
- How about us—what changes have we made?
- Is the allure of “Egypt” still strong in our hearts?
 - “It was well with us in Egypt” (Numbers 11:18).

Back to the analogy



- “Let’s not “turn the grace of God into licentiousness” (Jude 1:4).
- Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?” (Romans 6:1).

Post Bailout

- 
- “Jesus, take this heart of mine, make it pure and wholly Thine; Thou hast bled and died for me; I will **henceforth** live for Thee.”