

Redemption!

1 Peter 1:17-21

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Introduction

- Two kinds of “fear” — Fatherly fear, grandfatherly fear
- Peter’s instructions to Christians living in non-Christian world
- Fatherly reason for “fearing God”
 - Proverbs 3:11-12-- *“My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor detest his correction; for whom the LORD loves he corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights.”*
 - 2 Corinthians 5:9-10-- *“Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”*
- Grandfatherly reason for “fearing God”
 - 1 Samuel 12:24-- *“Only fear the LORD and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.”*

Redemption!

- 1 Peter 1:17-21-- *“And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”*

A. What is redemption?

1. Meaning: *“purchase to release by paying a ransom”*
2. Greco-Roman practice of manumission of a slave.
3. Jewish understanding of the Passover as redemption.
 - Exodus 12:13-- *“The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.”*
 - Exodus 15:13-- *“You, in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed: You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation.”*
 - 2 Samuel 7:23-24-- *“And who is like Your people, like Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Himself a name—and to do for Yourself great and awesome deeds for Your land—before Your people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and their gods? For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, LORD, have become their God.”*

B. From what has God redeemed us?

1. **Generally—from bondage to sin.**
 - John 8:31-32-- *“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.”*
 - John 8:34-- *“Most assuredly I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave to sin.”*

2. Specifically: Four distinct binding agents.

a. Lusts

- 1 Peter 1:14-- *"as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance"*
- 1) The Process of lust
 - James 1:14-15-- *"But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then when desire has conceived it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death."*
 - 2) Breaking the power of sin
 - Romans 6:6-7-- *"Our old man has been crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. For he who had died has been freed from sin."*
 - Romans 6:12-- *"to reign in your mortal bodies, that you should obey its lusts."*
 - Romans 6:13b-- *"present yourselves to God, as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God."*
 - Romans 6:17-18-- *"But God be thanked that though you were slaves to sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."*

b. Ignorance

- 1 Peter 1:14-- *"as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance"*
- Ephesians 4:17-- *"Having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their hearts."*
- 1 Corinthians 2:14 -- *"does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."*

c. Futile, aimless living

- 1 Peter 1:18-- *"knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers"*
- Matthew 16:26-- *"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"*

d. Tradition

- 1 Peter 1:18-- *"knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers."*
- Mark 7:5-9-- *"not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands... Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'The people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrine the commandments of men.' For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do. All too well you reject the commandment of God that you may keep your tradition."*
- Mark 7:13-- *"making the word of God of no effect through your traditions which you have handed down."*

C. By what means and by whom did God redeem us?

- 1 Peter 1:18-21-- *"Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God."*

1. **It takes a perfect sacrifice!**
 - a. **Man unable to redeem himself or others**
 - Psalm 49:7-8-- *"No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for them—the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough."*
 - b. **Gold and silver are useless.**
 - Isaiah 52:3-- *"You sold yourselves for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money."*
 - c. **Under old covenant, animal without blemish.**
 - Numbers 6:14-- *"And he shall present his offering to the LORD: one male lamb in its first year without blemish as a burnt offering, one ewe lamb in its first year without blemish as a sin offering, one ram without blemish as a peace offering."*
 - Deuteronomy 17:1-- *"You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God a bull or sheep which has any blemish, for that is an abomination to the LORD your God."*
 - Hebrew 10:4-- *"for it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins."*

2. **Jesus Christ is the perfect Lamb of God!**
 - a. **"Foreordained before the foundation of the world".**
 - Revelation 13:8-- *"the Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world."*
 - b. **"Was manifest in these last times"—the incarnation**
 - Philippians 2:6-8-- *"Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."*
 - 1) **Jesus Christ's perfect obedience to the Father**
 - 1 Peter 1:22-- *"He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth."*
 - 2) **"Made sin for us"—Imputation**
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21-- *"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."*
 - Isaiah 53:5-6-- *"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."*
 - 1 Peter 2:24-- *"Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree"*
 - 3) **Jesus Christ paid in full for our redemption**
 - Ephesians 1:7-- *"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."*
 - c. **"Raised from the dead"—His resurrection**
 - Romans 4:25-- *"delivered up for our offenses, and was raised for our justification."*
 - d. **"Give Him glory"—Christ's ascension to heaven**
 - 1) **Enters heaven with His blood**
 - Hebrews 9:11-15-- *"But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats or calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who*

through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. And for this reason, He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the eternal promise."

2) **One sacrifice for all times**

- Hebrews 9:24-26-- *"For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, not to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the High Priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another — He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the end of the age, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."*
- Hebrews 9:28 -- *"Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many"*
- Hebrews 10:12-14-- *"This man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever that who are being sanctified."*

3) **Highly exalted as LORD**

- Philippians 2:9-11-- *"God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father."*

D. Why redemption? For what purpose?

- 1 Peter 1:20-21-- *"He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God."*
1. **For YOU and for ME to provide us eternal salvation.**
 - Acts 4:12-- *"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*
 - Romans 10:9-10-- *"you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."*
 2. Ultimate blessing: **"faith and hope in God"**
 - Psalm 49:15-- *"But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, for He shall receive me."*
 - Romans 8:23-- *"Not only that, but we also have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body."*
 - 1 Corinthians 6:20-- *"bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's"*