

"Redeemed"
1 Peter 1:18-21
Good Friday April 2, 2021

1 Corinthians 11:24 "do this in remembrance of Me."

Redeemed – *"to be set free, to liberate by payment of ransom, to deliver"*

The redemption price was so great that only God Himself could purchase it. May we never forget!

Thought Of The Passage: Our Redemption Was God's Highest And Most Costly Work Accomplished Through The Death Of His Only Son.

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1. Verse 18 What We Were

1 Peter 1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things Context - Peter left off with "The Pursuit Of Holiness" The Believer Is To Be Hopeful: 1 Peter 1:17 God is our Father and we should fear Him.

We are to be holy, knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things; The old expression "How Are You Going Act?"

We have a relationship with God but we must also revere Him.

2 Corinthians 7:1 perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

knowing – *"to see, be aware, perceive, be sure, to understand"*
that you were not redeemed with perishable things

redeemed to us it is a theological term; but it carried a special meaning to people in the first-century, Roman Empire. There were probably 60 million slaves in the Empire, one-third to one-half.

Peter is speaking of our life of slavery to sin, the bondage of sin. **Titus 3:3**

Moses many times reminded Israel that they had been slaves in Egypt
Deuteronomy 5:15; 16:12; 24:18, 22

Israel's generation that died in the wilderness forgot the bondage of Egypt and wanted to go back! **Numbers 11:4-6**

Jesus shed His precious blood to purchase us out of the slavery of sin and to set us free forever. Romans 6:6, 17-18, 20

things like silver or gold

Silver and gold though they are precious are perishable. Meaning that they don't last or have eternal value.

silver or gold provide a false sense of security. **Ecclesiastes 12:8**

from your futile way of life

the word **futile** – *"empty, profitless, vain, striving for something that is never achieved"*

Paul described the wisdom of the world using the same word:

1 Corinthians 3:20 "THEY ARE USELESS." - "empty, profitless"

Unsaved people are blindly living on substitutes. 1 Peter 4:1-4

inherited from your forefathers, - Ephesians 2:1-3

Believers' redemption (deliverance) from our past sinful life was not accomplished through costly temporal things of this world.

2. Verse 19 What Jesus Did

1 Peter 1:19 The Great Cost To God, but this word points back to **"Redeemed"** the true means of Redemption! **with precious blood,** **1 Peter 1:18 - To *redeem*** means *"to set free by paying a price, to liberate."* **100X OT, only 3X NT**

Luke 24:21; Titus 2:14 1 Peter 1:18 (*ransom, redemption*)

A slave could be freed with the payment of money, but no amount of money can set a lost sinner free. Only the **precious blood,** the term **precious** – *"costly, highly esteemed, to be held in honor"*
Leviticus 17:11

With redemption at such a great cost, it should not be treated lightly, but profound gratitude to God!

Peter was a Witness of Christ's Sufferings: 1 Peter 5:1

Peter mentioned His sacrificial death often in this letter

1 Peter 2:21; 3:18

as of a lamb

Peter is reminding his readers of the **Doctrine of Substitution:**

The Doctrine of Sacrifice: begins in **Genesis 3:21**

Abraham was to offer up Isaac **Genesis 22:7-8**

God provided a substitute, a ram died for Isaac **Genesis 22:13**

Passover lamb was slain for each Jewish household Exodus 12:3

Messiah was presented as an innocent Lamb in **Isaiah 53:7**

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus, **John 1:29**

In heaven, the redeemed and the angels sing, **Revelation 5:11-14**

Unblemished "*without personal sin*" and **spotless**, "*not defiled by contact with sinners,*" - **the blood of Christ.**

Exodus 12:5 **'Your lamb shall be an unblemished'**

we are saved by His death, precious blood.

3. Verse 20 When God Planned

1 Peter 1:20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, Peter made it clear that **Jesus' death was an appointment, not an accident;** Acts 2:23

Revelation 13:8

foundation of the world, "*Before the creation of the world, before the material universe*"

God's plan of salvation was not revealed until the fullness of time
Galatians 4:4

From the human perspective, our Lord was cruelly murdered, but from the divine perspective, He laid down His life for sinners:
John 10:17-18

but has appeared in these last times

"the final age of all periods of human history" **Hebrews 9:26**

for the sake of you (These truths apply to Us! And Must be personalized)

4. Verse 21 Who To Believe

1 Peter 1:21 who through Him (Jesus Christ) are believers in God,
These readers had come to know God through faith in Jesus Christ!
John 14:6

who raised Him from the dead The resurrection is Jesus' declaration of His Deity (He is God, only God can raise the dead) **The Resurrection is the greatest act for assurance and hope. Romans 1:4**

1 Peter 1:3

Peter knew the joy of the Resurrection. It was Peter who ran with John to the tomb where Jesus had been placed--it was empty! (**John 20**)

Peter on the Day of Pentecost received the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. Acts 2:36-41

His power is available to us today. Romans 8:11

and gave Him glory, The word "**glory**" - the Greek word can be translated as "*honor, praise, or worship.*" That is how we are to live - to honor, praise, worship, and magnify Christ.
Paul stated, **1 Corinthians 10:31**

so that your faith
Ephesians 2:8-9, Hebrews 11:6

and hope are in God. (Theme of this book! **1 Peter 1:3, 13, now 21**)
1 Peter 1:3

to a living hope, - the word **Hope, five times** in the Epistle.
Hope - "*sure expectation of a future event,*" **living hope**
(Active, dynamic, vital) because it is grounded in the Word of God.
1 Peter 1:23

Application:

1. Redemption Is God's Greatest And Most Costly Work That Could Ever Be Accomplished. Knowing This Should Produce In Us A Desire To Be Holy With Hearts Of Gratitude.
2. Jesus Christ's Death Was An Appointment, Not An Accident.
3. Persons Outside Of Jesus Christ Are Constantly Striving For Meaning And Purpose But Never Achieving It. Jesus Delivers From The Empty Life.