

Series "Living God Gives A Living Hope"
"Redemption"
1 Peter 1:18-21
Study-5

The Lord established the Lord's Supper so that regularly, His people would remember that He died for them 1 Corinthians 11:24.

"redeemed" – "to liberate by payment of ransom, to cause to be released by payment of the ransom, to deliver, to be set free."

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

1. Verse 18 – Reminder Of – What We Were

2. Verse 19 – Reminder Of – What Jesus Did

3. Verse 20 – Reminder Of – When God Made His Plan

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1. Verse 18 – Reminder Of – What We Were:

1 Peter 1:18 – "knowing that you were not redeemed" – Context – Peter left off with "The Pursuit Of Holiness," 1 Peter 1:17.

We are to be holy – "knowing that you were not redeemed" – The old expression "How You Going To Act?" 2 Corinthians 7:1

"knowing" – "to see, be aware, behold, consider, perceive, be sure, to understand;" that you were not redeemed with perishable things.

The word "redeemed" – There were probably 60 million slaves in the Roman Empire.

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

Moses urged Israel to remember that they had been slaves in Egypt, Deuteronomy 5:15; 16:12; 24:18; 24:22.

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

Romans 6:6, 17-18, 20

"with perishable things like silver or gold" – Meaning that they don't last or have value forever.

"silver or gold" – provide a false sense of security, Ecclesiastes 12:8.

"from your futile way of life" – the word "futile" – "empty, profitless, vain, vanity, striving for something that is never achieved."

Paul described the wisdom of the world using the same word:
1 Corinthians 3:20 – "empty, profitless."

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

"inherited from your forefathers," – The readers had come out of the world, with its empty pursuits, Ephesians 2:1-3"

2. Verse 19 – Reminder Of – 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 – "not redeemed with perishable things" – 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. Several words built on the root word, "ransom, redemption."

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." The price of redemption was exceedingly costly to almighty God, Isaiah 52:3.

Leviticus 17:11

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; 1 Peter 3:18.

"as of a lamb" – Peter is reminding his readers of the Doctrine of Substitution: an innocent victim giving his life for the guilty.

The Doctrine of Sacrifice: begins in Genesis 3, when God killed animals that He might clothe Adam and Eve, Genesis 3:21.

Abraham was to offer up Isaac. Isaac asked the question, "Where is the lamb?" 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 12:3,13.

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.

3. Verse 20 – Reminder Of – When God Made His Plan:

1 Peter 1:20

History Is His-Story: “For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world,” – Peter made it clear that Christ’s 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 fulness 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;” The birth of Jesus to the Second Coming, Hebrews 9:26.

“for the sake of you” – These truths apply to Us! And must be personalized.

4. Verse 21 – Reminder Of – Who To Trust:

1 Peter 1:21 – “who through Him (Jesus Christ) are believers in God,” – John 14:6.

“who raised Him from the dead” – The Resurrection is the greatest act for our assurance and hope.

The Gospel message with just the death and burial of Jesus is incomplete. It must include the resurrection! A dead Messiah can help no one!
Romans 1:4

1 Peter 1:3

Peter also knew the joy of the Resurrection. It was Peter who ran with John to the tomb where Jesus had been laid – it was empty! John 20.

Peter, on the Day of Pentecost when he was filled with the Holy Spirit, the resurrection power of Jesus Christ flooded into his life, Acts 2:36-41.

Romans 8:11

“and gave Him glory,” – The word “glory,” the Greek word can be translated “honor,” “praise,” or “worship,” 1 Corinthians 10:31.

“so that your faith” – When we come to Christ in faith, we are saved by faith, Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 11:6 – “The just shall live by faith.”

“and hope are in God.” – But we are not only to live by faith, we are to live the life of hope; Theme of this book! 1 Peter 1:3, 13, now 21.

“to a living hope” – the word “Hope” 5X in the Epistle. Hope – “sure expectation of a future event;” living hope (dynamic) 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 And Hearts Of Gratitude.
2. Persons Outside Of Jesus Christ Are Constantly Striving For Meaning And Purpose But Never Achieve It. Jesus Delivers From The Empty Life.
3. Peter Makes It Clear That Christ’s Death Was An Appointment, Not An Accident.