

## 1 Peter 18-21

### Redeemed (verse 18)

ἐλυτρώθητε *elytrōthēte*: to release for a ransom; to ransom, redeem, deliver, liberate. To redeem, free a slave by paying a ransom; from the base meaning of slave redemption in the marketplace comes the figure of sinners redeemed by God from slavery to sin and death. This also means to restore "something *back*, into the possession of its *rightful* owner.

- **Titus 2:13-14** looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of <sup>[a]</sup>our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us to **redeem** us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.
- **Ephesians 1:7** In <sup>[a]</sup>Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

Jesus paid the price for His sheep. This was a personal and absolute transaction. He would receive and redeem all whom He purchased on the cross. Jesus did not come to purchase all people, because if He would have redeemed all people by His blood on the cross, all people would be rescued and set free. Christ's blood on the cross purchased everyone He intended to redeem and not one more or one less. Christ does not pay to redeem someone and then gets cheated and fails to not gain possession of that person. In the previous verse we see to whom Peter is talking to, those who call Him as Father.

### Redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb(verse 19)

- We are not redeemed by perishable things such as silver or gold which have significant value on earth.
- Gold has been valuable, traded, sought after, and used in ancient civilizations for its worth.
- In **1 Kings 10:14**, the Bible records that king Solomon received 666 talents of gold yearly. The value of that gold in the current U.S economy would be over \$1 billion dollars.
- In Fort Knox, there is currently 147.3 million troy ounces of gold with a "book value" of \$6.22 billion
- You could take all the gold in Fort Knox, all other reserves in the U.S, all gold owed by individuals in the U.S, all the gold in North America, all the gold in the world currently, all the gold that has ever been since the creation of the world and then all the silver and you could buy anything in the world. But there is one thing you could not buy with all that worth, a soul.
- All the gold, silver, diamonds, gems, and money in the world can't purchase a soul, but a soul can be purchased and redeemed with one drop of the precious blood of the Christ.
- We attach the word "precious" to gems, stones, and metals of great value. The most precious stone in the world is the blue diamond which is worth \$3.93 million dollars per carat. **But the most precious thing to have been on this planet is Jesus and His blood.**
- His blood was actual blood, but it was holy, perfect, and undefiled blood.
- **Acts 20:28** Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you <sup>[a]</sup>overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He <sup>[b]</sup>**purchased <sup>[c]</sup>with His own blood.**
- **1 Peter 1:1- 2** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen <sup>2</sup> according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, <sup>[a]</sup>to obey Jesus Christ and be **sprinkled with His blood**: May grace and peace <sup>[a]</sup>be yours in the fullest measure.
- **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** Or do you not know that your body is a <sup>[b]</sup>temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from <sup>[c]</sup>God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For **you have been bought with a price:** therefore glorify God in your body.

- **Revelation 5:9** And they \*sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your **blood** *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

## The Passover Lamb (verse 19)

In **Exodus 12** the Passover lamb which was to be unblemished would be sacrificed and it’s blood would be applied to the door. When the Lord would pass by, He would look not at the worthiness of the people on the inside the house but would rather look to see if the blood was applied. If the blood was applied, the people were saved!

- **Isaiah 53:7** He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.
- **John 1:29** The next day he \*saw Jesus coming to him and \*said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- **1 Corinthians 5:7** Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

We also see the purpose of the blood of the sacrificial animal on the Day of Atonement in **Leviticus 16**. The high priest would take the blood from the sacrifice and sprinkle it the throne of God (Ark) as a covering for sin. This is what happens in our salvation, we are sprinkled with the blood of the true sacrifice, Jesus (**1 Peter 1:2**).

## Foreknown before the foundation of the world(verse 20)

This word for foreknown is similar to what is seen in the golden chain in **Romans 8:29** (those whom He foreknew) which means to have been chosen. He was chosen before the foundation of the world, but when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law that we might receive the adoption of sons. Because we are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba! Father! (**Galatians 4:4-6**)

## Christ is our mediator (verse 21)

Christ, the Passover Lamb has come to lay down His life for the sheep and purchase and redeem the church with His blood. It is because of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus that we can be brought to God (**1 Peter 3:18**), approach the Father in prayer, have a High Priest (**Heb 4:14-16**) have a mediator between God and man (**1 Timothy 2:5**), have peace with God (**Romans 5:1**), and have a living hope (**1 Peter 1:3**)