

"Redeemed"

Intro: Puritan Thomas Watson wrote of _____ saying, "Great was the work of creation, but greater the work of redemption; it _____ more to redeem us than to make us; in the one there was but the speaking of the Word, in the other the shedding of _____."

A. As we open today's text we find that Peter continues to exhort us in proper, _____, Christian _____ as He continues to establish the foundational truths of our salvation.

1. This instruction in holy living continues through verse 17 with Peter then, at verse 18, turning again to speak of the greatness of our salvation by presenting _____ it is that we are redeemed; at what great _____ we are redeemed; and for what _____ we are redeemed.

1 Peter 1:17-21

I. Verse 17, "And if you address as _____ the One who impartially according to each man's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay upon earth ..."

A. Peter is rounding out our _____. First he spoke of God as the One who saved us according to His foreknowledge and caused us to be born again according to His great _____. But at the same time we must not forget the total being of God for this same merciful and benevolent God is a God of divine _____.

1. If by the mercy of _____ you call this Holy One, Father; don't forget that He is the same One who impartially _____ each man according to their work. Colossians 3:25 says, "For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the _____ which he has done, and that without partiality."

B. Therefore, the _____ conclusion is this: "conduct yourselves in _____ ..."

1. Not only does this fear take in the idea of a _____ fear, but it also refers to a deep _____, respect, and honor toward God. This fear is of _____!

C. Peter reminds us that our time here is temporal, _____, but for a short while.

1. Beloved, think of the eternal weight of _____ that us! Col 3:1-4, "If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be _____ with Him in _____."

II. Verses 18 & 19, "... knowing that you were not _____ with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with _____, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ."

A. To redeem is "to pay a ransom purchasing a _____" or "to deliver or set free by the _____ of a _____."

1. We are redeemed (purchased, delivered), "From a _____ way of _____!" (Cf. Is. 64:6; Ro. 3:10-18 & 20; Gal 2:16; |Ro. 3:23)

2. Redemption comes through Christ! Gal 3:13, "
_____ from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree ..." (Cf. Gal. 4:4-5; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Ro. 6)

B. We were _____ "with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the _____ of Christ." (Cf. Gal. 3:13; Eph. 1:7 & 2:13; Heb. 9:11-14)

1. Revelation 5:9 says, "And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and didst _____ for God _____ Thy _____ men from every tribe and tongue."

III. Verses 20 & 21, "For He was _____ before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you _____ 21 who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your _____ and hope are in God."

A. Here we see that _____ to redeem us is not passing, nor subject to the temporal things of this world. Our redemption is not an after thought where God discovered that men would sin and be in need of a Savior, so in response He came up with a plan; but before He laid the foundation of the world His plan to redeem mankind through the sacrificial blood-shed of Christ was _____ and to be carried out in time.

B. In the wisdom of God, _____ "has _____ in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are _____ in God ..."

1. Hearing the good news of Jesus Christ we believe for faith comes by hearing! We believe that our God and Father "_____ from the dead." And we know that "if [we will] confess with [our] mouth Jesus as Lord, and _____ in [our] heart that God raised Him from the dead, [we] shall be saved! (Rom 10:9)

2. Not only has the Father "raised Him from the dead," but He "_____ Him _____ ... so that [our] faith and hope are _____."

_____ our _____, that He can raise the dead and glorify as He wills, and that He purchased us from the slavery of sin by paying the high price of the blood of His Son, we should and must _____ by living a right and _____ before the God who saves us and judges justly.

Beloved, let us build our house upon the foundation of this truth!

Let us _____ ourselves in a
of God during the time of our stay upon the earth.