

I Peter 1:18-20

Redemption Through The Blood Of Christ Was The Plan All Along

I. Introduction:

A. Even of old, it was taught and known that redemption came from the Lord (**Psalms 130:7, Isaiah 47:4, Isaiah 54:5, and Isaiah 63:16**).

1. However, the means by which redemption of old occurred was often through corruptible things (**Numbers 3:40-51**).

2. There was not a sense, under the Old Law, that anyone was truly redeemed. We see that through the words of Zacharias after the birth of his son John (**Luke 1:67-75**).

B. So, what does the word “redeemed” mean? The Greek word in the text we are studying is “λυτρόω” which is defined as: “1) to release on receipt of ransom; 2) to redeem, liberate by payment of ransom; 2a) to liberate; 2b) to cause to be released to one’s self by payment of a ransom; 2c) to redeem; 2d) to deliver: from evils of every kind, internal and external” (Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon; Strong’s # 3084).

1. Israel looked for the Messiah to bring redemption (**Luke 24:13-27**).

2. Jesus was/is the redeemer (**Titus 2:11-14**).

II. Body: *“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you” (I Peter 1:18-20).*

A. Why do we need redemption?

1. When you think about the need to be redeemed think about slavery (**Leviticus 25:47-55**).

2. With Israel, they were redeemed from bondage in Egypt (**Deuteronomy 7:8; 15:15**).

3. Later out of captivity (**Isaiah 48:20, Jeremiah 15:21; 50:34, and Micah 4:10**).

4. However, all who have sinned are/were still under bondage (**John 8:34**).

a. In general, slaves to sin (**Romans 6:12-20**).

b. Both Jew and Gentile of the past (**Romans 3:9**).

c. Israel, under the bondage of the Law of Moses (**Galatians 3:13; 4:1-7**), from which they could not be justified (**Acts 13:38-39**).

d. There was no source of ransom under the Old Law that could bring about the remission of sins (**Hebrews 10:1-4**).

5. Thus, we see pleas for redemption throughout the Prophets and Psalms (**Psalms 44:26 and Isaiah 1:27**).

B. Christians know that our redemption cannot come through wealth or other corruptible means (**Psalms 49:6-13** and **Hebrews 9:11-15**).

1. Redemption is in Christ (**I Corinthians 1:30**).
2. For both Jews and Gentiles (**Romans 3:24-30**).

C. Redeemed from the vain conversation by the tradition of their fathers. Remember, the reputation of Gentiles in the past (**I Thessalonians 4:5**).

1. A reputation of ignorance and sinful behavior (**Ephesians 4:17-19**).
2. A people of idolatry (**I Corinthians 12:2**).
3. As later reminded of in this letter (**I Peter 4:3-5**).

D. Christ, through His blood, was the spotless; without blemish sacrifice (**I Peter 2:21-23** and **I Peter 3:18**).

1. Such was the requirements even of old concerning a lamb to be offered (**Leviticus 4:32** and **Numbers 28:1-3**).
 - a. In the New Testament, without spot wasn't a fleshly; physical factor (**I Timothy 6:14**, **James 1:27**, and **II Peter 3:14**).
 - b. The same is true of being spotless (**Ephesians 5:27**).
2. Knowing there was a costly price (**Matthew 20:28**, **I Corinthians 6:20**, and **Colossians 1:12-14**).
3. Through His blood there is more than redemption (**Acts 20:28**, **Colossians 1:20**, **Hebrews 13:12**, **Hebrews 13:20**, **Revelation 1:5**, etc.).

E. The plan was before the foundation of the world (**Titus 1:1-3**).

1. As we discussed earlier in this letter, it was the plan but was not known by those who wrote it (**I Peter 1:10-12**; cf. **Romans 16:25-26**).
2. Again, this is just repeating the fact that God foreknew and planned a way to bring back those lost who want to be saved including Gentiles (**Ephesians 3:5-11**).

F. Made known in these last times; days (**Hebrews 1:1-2**).

1. The first century began the last times (**I John 2:18**).
2. We discussed this earlier in this chapter (**I Peter 1:5**).

III. Conclusion: Our next study: *“Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God”* (**I Peter 1:21**).