

Redeemed!
1 Peter 1:18-21

I. STOLEN STORY

- A. Boy carved out a boat and sailed it on a lake – brand new.**
- B. The wind caught it and it sailed away – lost to the little boy**
- C. Several days later he was walking through his village and SAW HIS BOAT – in a toy shop window.**
- D. Ran in - explained to the store owner that it was his boat – he had carefully crafted it.**
- E. But – the store owner had no reason to believe the boy and told him he'd have TO PAY FULL PRICE FOR IT!**
- F. So, the boy went home and found every bit of money he had – went back and bought his own boat!**
- G. As the boy left he said – THIS BOAT IS NOW TWICE MINE – I MADE AND I BOUGHT IT.**
- H. THIS is what Peter is TELLING US – God MADE YOU AND REDEEMED YOU - BOUGHT YOU BACK FOR A PRICE.**
 - 1. SALVATION – the WHOLE WORK OF GOD SAVING US
 - 2. REDEMPTION =
 - a) THE PRICE PAID / The MEANS
 - b) FOCUSES on HOW God BOUGHT US BACK – even though HE MADE US.
- I. The last reason we are to RESPOND TO GOD –(v.18-21) – BECAUSE...**

II. GOD HAS PROVIDED (LOOK AT!)

1 Peter 1:18-21 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

- A. What has God provided? REDEMPTION**
- B. Look at the OT imagery here – SO THAT you will understand better the full meaning of REDEMPTION!**
- C. Turn to Exodus 12!**

Exodus 12:1-14 1 Now the Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 “This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you. 3 “Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, ‘On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers’ households, a lamb for each household. 4 ‘Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons in them; according to what each man should eat, you are to divide the lamb. 5 ‘Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 ‘You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight. 7 ‘Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 ‘They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened

bread and bitter herbs. 9 'Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, both its head and its legs along with its entrails. 10 'And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire. 11 'Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is the Lord's Passover. 12 'For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the Lord. 13 'The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. 14 'Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance.

1. God moved His people to Egypt THROUGH JOSEPH

2. Greatly grew His people there - Exodus 1:7

7 But the sons of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land was filled with them.

3. King becomes fearful of the people; Exodus 1:8-10

8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, "Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we. 10 "Come, let us deal wisely with them, or else they will multiply and in the event of war, they will also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us and depart from the land."

a) 400 years has passed

b) God's time for the people to leave has come.

c) The EXODUS of 2M sons of Israel takes place on the NIGHT OF PASSOVER. – story of Ex 12!

d) POINT of the Passover Lamb – LAMB'S LIFE WAS THE PRICE TO PURCHASE THE LIFE OF THE FIRST BORN = A SUBSTITUTE!

D. Understand this "[lamb](#)"

1. Where were the Sons of Israel – the Israelites? GOSHEN

2. What did they do? RAISED LIVESTOCK

3. BEST were kept for BREEDING, RIGHT?

4. Of the SHEEP – THE UNBLEMISHED LAMBS were THE MOST VALUABLE to the SHEPHERD

a) KEPT for BREEDING a better FOLD!

5. God comes along and says TAKE YOUR VERY BEST LAMB – YOUR BREEDING LAMB – and sacrifice it!

6. NOT ONLY THAT – BUT

a) V.3 – on the 10th –each HOUSEHOLD pick this lamb

b) V.6 "[You shall keep it until the 14th day](#)"

c) What's happening here?

d) Each family took the lamb into their small dwelling and took care of this special lamb for 4 days!

- e) You know what happens in four days – the lamb becomes a pet –
 - (1) NOT JUST ONE OF THE FOLD
 - (2) BECOMES SPECIAL TO YOU
 - (3) THEN YOU SLAUGHTER IT
 - (4) SPREAD IT'S BLOOD
 - (5) ATE IT ALL!
 - (6) V.8-9 ROASTED IT – i.e. PUT into the FIRE – EVEN IT'S HEAD, LEGS.
- 7. IF you were an Israelite family – God made you give your precious lamb – precious in many ways as a price for the life of your first born – a substitute.

E. NOW – MOVE FORWARD TO THE TIME OF CHRIST.

- 1. John the Baptist sees Christ approach and says:
 - [John 1:29 ... "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! = GOD'S LAMB!](#)
 - a) PRECIOUS, UNBLEMISHED, SPOTLESS per 1:19

F. FINALLY –the LAST WEEK of JESUS' LIFE

- 1. WE KNOW that JESUS CHRIST IS OUR PASSOVER LAMB
 - a) SACRIFICED on PASSOVER – THE Passover Lamb
 - [1 Corinthians 5:7 ...For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.](#)
- 2. Let me SUGGEST that CHRIST's TRIUMPHAL ENTRY into Jerusalem COINCIDED with the choosing of the Passover Lamb
- 3. God's perfect timing was to have HIS LAMB be with HIS PEOPLE for those 4 days – just as the lambs were with each family.
- 4. Each disciple who truly knew Jesus spent intimate time with Him before His death.

III. DETAIL of what GOD HAS PROVIDED

A. V.18-21 Structure

- 1. Slide 1 – v.18-21 reading for “you”
- 2. Slide 2 – v.18-21 separating phrases focused on “you”
- 3. Slide 3 – logical organization / THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION!!!: FROM WITH BY TO
- 4. FIRST – what is “REDEMPTION?”
 - a) TECHNICAL TERM for buying back a prisoner of war or a slave's freedom.
 - (1) = to SET FREE by PAYING a RANSOM
 - (2) BY PAYING A PRICE.
 - b) Found throughout Scripture – a common term.
 - (1) OT – Redemption from Egypt
 - [\(a\) Deut 7:8 but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the Lord brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.](#)
 - [\(b\) Deut15:15 “You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt,](#)

and the Lord your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this today.

(2) God not known as Father but as Creator / Redeemer!

(a) Job 19:25 “As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.

(b) Psalm 19:14 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.

c) NT

Romans 3:24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the *redemption* which is in Christ Jesus;

1 Cor 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption

Gal 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law,

Gal 4:5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,

Eph 1:14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession

Eph 4:30 Holy Spirit – sealed for the day of redemption.

Colossians 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Heb 9:11-12 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

d) God's word says you have been BOUGHT BACK – REDEEMED from

(1) SIN AND CONSEQUENCES of SIN – ETERNAL DEATH

5. “knowing” = Assumed elementary knowledge.

a) Root is “seeing” > head knowledge.

b) Knowledge known, experienced, understood

c) Used hear as an APPEAL – APPEALING to BASICS THAT YOU KNOW!

(1) KNOW from the WHOLE biblical CONTEXT of Redemption - Ex 12 to The Cross

(2) KNOW as Christians because it APPLIES to YOU! – individually, personally.

B. REDEEMED FROM... “futile way of life inherited from your forefathers” (v.18).

1. In one word: redemption from SIN

2. “futile way of life”

a) Futile = Pictures the NATURE of the life as UNPROFITABLE – VOID OF USEFUL RESULTS

(1) SUMS ANY life APART from GOD!

(2) We say something was a “futile effort” – “They made a futile effort to save the person.”

(a) WITHOUT SUCCESS

- (b) WITHOUT RESULT
 - (c) MAY BE A GOOD, HONEST, HARD, DIFFICULT, EFFORT –
 - (d) BUT ONE WITHOUT RESULT.
- (3) Jesus: Matt. 16:26 “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? – PROFITLESS!
 - (4) At Lystra – Paul begged them turn from their useless idols to the living God (Acts 14).
 - (5) Romans 1:21 – Men Reject God and BECOME FUTILE in their THINKING!
 - (6) Rom 3:12
 - (7) Rom 3:12 All have turned aside, together they have become useless
 - (8) In the fall – even CREATION has been subject to FUTILITY (Rom 8:20).
- b) “Way of Life” = Major word to Peter!
- (a) V.15 be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;
 - (b) 1 Peter 2:12 Keep your behavior excellent
 - (c) 1 Peter 3:1-2 – 2X – wives behavior
 - (d) 1 Peter 3:16 good behavior
- (2) WHOLE DAILY WALK OF LIFE
 - (3) Peter’s description of futile way of life IN V.14
 - ...former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,
 - (a) Former lusts = life CONTROLLED by DESIRE
 - (b) In your IGNORANCE – OF GOD
 - (c) Paul described it as:
 - Romans 3:10-8 “There is none righteous, not even one; 11 There is none who understands,
 - There is none who seeks for God; (=Eph2:1)
 - 12 All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one.”
 - (4) Peter doesn’t tell us WHY man is like this but Paul does – ESPECIALLY the FUTILITY = Eph 4:17-19 (TURN TO)
 - 17 So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the **futility of their mind**, 18 **being darkened** in their understanding, **excluded from the life of God** because of the **ignorance** that is in them, because of the **hardness of their heart**; 19 and they, having **become callous**, have **given themselves over** to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.
 - (a) Eph 4:17-19 tells us WHY we see what we see in Rom 1 and Rom 3:10-18
 - (b) = WHAT Christ BOUGHT YOU BACK FROM.

C. REDEEMED WITH (v.18-19) – CONTRAST: NOT with...BUT with

1. “NOT redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold.”
 - a) Ps 49:7-8 No man can by any means redeem his brother Or give to God a ransom for him— For the redemption of his soul is costly, And he should cease trying forever.
 - b) Isaiah 52:3 For thus says the Lord (to Israel), “You were sold for nothing and you will be redeemed without money.”
2. “BUT with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.”
 - a) Jesus’ BLOOD is PRECIOUS because He is GOD’S CHOSEN LAMB –
 - (1) His OWN SON –
 - (2) UNBLEMISHED, SPOTLESS
 - (3) Can we REALLY understand what PRECIOUS means to GOD?
 - (4) TO UNDERSTAND unblemished and spotless would be to UNDERSTAND GOD’S HOLINESS.
 - (5) We can’t begin to fathom the depth of this verse.
 - (6) THE PRICE PAID BY GOD – the PRECIOUS BLOOD OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.
 - b) Ahh, but the result – look at 1 Peter 2-
 - (1) 1 Peter 2:4,6 And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,...6 For this is contained in Scripture: “Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.”
 - (2) Jesus became the CORNER STONE – the CHOICE and PRECIOUS corner stone.
3. Again – Scripture abounds with this theme
 - a) List to Just the book of Revelation

1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood—

5:9 And they *sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You (v.6 Lamb) were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

12 saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”
4. Never FORGET how PRECIOUS the blood of Jesus Christ is
 - a) To GOD because it was His SINLESS SON
 - b) To US because it was the PRICE PAID.
 - c) HIS BLOOD ALONE is ABLE to CLEANSE us from SIN. TO BUY US BACK
5. Talk about BLOOD – Lev 17:11,14

11 ‘For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.’ ...14 “For as for the life of all flesh, its blood is identified with its life.

- (1) To talk about BLOOD is to talk about LIFE
- b) Literally; Christ SHED HIS BLOOD = CHRIST GAVE HIS LIFE.
- c) Theologically – MEANS WHOLE ATONING / REDEEMING WORK in His Death.
 - (1) Acts 5:28 saying, “you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” =make us responsible for His DEATH
 - (2) Col 1:20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.
 - (a) blood of His cross = WHOLE WORK
- d) SHED HIS BLOOD = GAVE HIS LIFE = HIS DEATH...

D. REDEEMED BY (v.20-21)

1 Pet 1:20-21 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

1. **4 Part story of How redeemed BY Jesus Christ**
 - a) Planned = Foreknown
 - b) Incarnated = Appeared
 - c) Resurrection = raised Him from the dead
 - d) Ascension = gave Him glory
2. **FOREKNOWN** = Planned – “For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world”
 - a) Jesus Christ and His work on the cross were planned before the foundation of the world = the beginning of time.
 - b) Luke 23:35 God’s Chosen One
 - c) Is 42:1 Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.
 - d) Acts 2:23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.
3. **APPEARED** = incarnated – “but has appeared in these last times”
 - a) Verb = make manifest as an historical event – at a point in time.
 - b) Meaning
 - (1) John 1:14 The word became flesh
 - (2) Phil 2:7 taking the form of a bondservant; being made in the likeness of men
 - (3) Gal 4:4 Born of a woman
 - (4) Heb 9:26 ... now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

4. **RESURRECTED** – “who raised Him from the dead”
- Divine affirmation of WHO He is AND the successful COMPLETION OF THE WORK HE DID
 - God VALIDATED His PRECIOUSNESS
 - Romans 1:4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, ...
 - Acts 2:24,32, 3:15, 4:10 WHOM GOD RAISED FROM THE DEAD!
Acts 2:24 “But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.”
5. **ASCENSION** = “God gave Him glory”
- John 17:4-5 4 “I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 “Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
 - Philippians 2:9-11 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
 - When did He ascend? Acts 1:8-11
 - What did He do when He ascended?
 - Hebrews 1:3; 2:9; 10:11-12
 - 2:9 crowned with glory and honor,
 - 1:3 He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
 - Heb 10:11-12 Every priest STANDS daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; 12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN at the right hand of God,
 - NO PRIEST EVER SAT DOWN –
 - No chairs in the Temple
 - Work never done- V.11 “sacrifices which can never take away sins”
 - Jesus Christ SAT DOWN –
 - HIS SACRIFICE WAS SUFFICIENT FOR THE REDEMPTION OF SINS!
6. 4 parts to redemption
- The Plan of God to Redeem (**FOREKNOWLEDGE**)
 - The **INCARNATION** of Jesus Christ – THE WORD HAD TO BECOME FLESH
 - The **RESURRECTION** of Jesus Christ –
 - Jesus lived the LIFE OF the UNBLEMISHED LAMB –SINLESS SAVIOR WHO BECAME SIN on our BEHALF
 - God RAISED Him from the DEAD because HE DEFEATED DEATH
 - The **ASCENSION** of Jesus Christ –
 - NOW SITTING at the RIGHT HAND of the THRONE OF GOD
 - Our Advocate / Our Mediator

(3) Our RETURNING SAVIOR and LORD!

E. FINALLY! REDEEMED TO: V.20-21 Christ appeared.. FOR THE SAKE OF US, who through Him are BELIEVERS IN GOD...SO THAT YOUR FAITH AND HOPE are in GOD.

1. “For the sake of us”

- a) We didn’t ask / We didn’t deserve – humbling!
- b) He chose by His own good pleasure and will
- c) To APPEAR and REDEEM – for the sake of us!

2. “who through Him are BELIEVERS IN GOD”

- a) Salvation viewed from our side
- b) From the APPROPRIATION side – We have to believe
- c) Notice – BELIEVE IN GOD through CHRIST
- d) WE CAN’T BELIEVE IN GOD UNLESS IT IS THROUGH CHRIST.

3. “So that your faith and Hope are in God”

- a) The PURPOSE of ALL of this!
- b) Peter takes us ALL THE WAY BACK to v.13!
 - 1 Peter 1:13...fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- c) HOW did God MAKE IT POSSIBLE
- d) To have FAITH in the PRESENT – to TRUST GOD FOR THE HERE AND NOW?
- e) To have the CERTAINTY of the HOPE FOR THE FUTURE – FOR WHAT GOD WILL DO?
- f) HE REDEEMED US through the PRECIOUS BLOOD of HIS SON!
- g) ALL these things He has COMMANDED us to do (SLIDE) ARE MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE of Jesus Christ’s WORK on the CROSS
- h) IT ALWAYS COMES BACK TO THE CROSS

IV. Conclusion

A. We NO LONGER CELEBRATE PASSOVER nor should we

- 1. BECAUSE –greater deliverance / redemption to be celebrated!
- 2. JC’s DELIVERANCE on the CROSS!
- 3. Celebrate through COMMUNION!

B. WHILE the OT CONTINUALLY looks back to the DELIVERANCE from Egypt –

C. WE CONTINUALLY look back to

- 1. DELIVERANCE on the CROSS
- 2. REDEMPTION from SIN PROVIDED by JESUS CHRIST.
- 3. That is what the OT Saint LOOKED FORWARD TO!

D. WHY does Peter write about REDEMPTION in v.18-21?

- 1. Chapter 1 / Chapter 2 FIRST PART – all about Salvation PROVIDED and our RESPONSE TO IT!

2. 1:13-21 – OUR RESPONSE TO GOD for this great salvation
 - a) v.13-17 HOW
 - b) v.16-21 WHY
 - (1) God is HOLY /God is JUST
 - (2) God has provided
 - (3) OR using v.3 – GOD IS MERCIFUL – “who according to His great mercy”
 - c) Look at v.21 end – SO THAT YOUR FAITH and YOUR HOPE are IN GOD.
 - d) Rom 5:6-8 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

E. You CAN have FAITH and HOPE in God.

1. His HOLINESS and JUSTICE are in PERFECT BALANCE with His MERCY.
2. IF God ONLY HOLINESS & JUSTICE – LOOK OUT!
3. BUT God is also – MERCY – HOW BIG IS HIS MERCY?
4. BIG ENOUGH to put HIS SINLESS SON on a CROSS to BUY YOU BACK from SIN.

F. When? TRIALS!

1. Yes – RESPOND to God with HOPE WITH FINALITY –HOPE COMPLETELY
2. Peter CLOSES THIS SECTION on the RESPONSE TO GOD with a REMINDER and REASON –
3. WE DON'T HOPE WITHOUT REASON
4. WE DON'T LIVE HOLY WITHOUT REASON
5. FAITH – LOOKS BACK AT WHAT GOD HAS DONE – GAVE the PRECIOUS BLOOD of HIS SON.
6. HOPE – LOOKS FORWARD WITH CERTAINTY – to what our FAITHFUL FATHER GOD WILL DO when
7. HE REVEALS THIS GREAT SALVATION PREPARED FOR US.