

Our Father's Love in Redemption

1 Peter 1:17–21 (NKJV)

17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

To redeem or to ransom has the idea to to purchase back.

Many famous kidnaping and ransoms have happened over history.

In the Old Testament and person could sell himself and his family into servitude with hopes that some able and willing relative would redeem the family.

More common was the selling of ones land with hopes that a kinsman would redeem the land. The story of Ruth is just such a story.

But the greatest redemption story in history is that mankind sold himself to sin and that Jesus came into the world to redeem all who would believe.

The doctrine of sacrifice begins in Genesis 3, when God killed animals that He might clothe Adam and Eve. A ram died for Isaac (Gen. 22:13) and the Passover lamb was slain for each Jewish household (Ex. 12). Messiah was presented as an innocent Lamb in Isaiah 53. Isaac asked the question, "Where is the lamb?" (Gen. 22:7) and John the Baptist answered it when he pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). In heaven, the redeemed and the angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!" (Rev. 5:11–14) *Warren W. Wiersbe, The Bible Exposition Commentary, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996), 399.*

- I. We were not redeemed with corruptible things.
 - A. Like gold or silver
 1. In the John Paul Getty III kidnaping case the grandfather paid 2.9 million for him sort one ear.
 2. In the Old Testament a kinsman could redeem a relative from slavery or his land that had been sold. He just need to pay to going price for slaves or land.
 3. Even Boaz redeemed the property of Naomi so that he could marry Ruth.
 4. But money cannot redeem us from sin. Sin demands a much higher price.
 5. Some have taught that the ransom was paid to the devil but this is not true.

6. The satisfaction that needed to be made was the satisfaction to God for our sin, that is our sinful lives.
 7. The debt of sin means death, for the wages of sin is death, Romans 6:23 (NKJV)
 - a. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 - b. If that debt could be paid with silver or gold then we might have a chance.
 - c. But God is not interested in our silver and gold.
- B. We know that we have been redeemed
1. It is because we know this that we live our short lives here in fear and reverence to God.
 2. We love Him because He first loved us and gave Himself for our sins.
- C. From our vain and vain and aimless life.
1. What has He redeemed us out of or from.
 2. An aimless life.
 3. The word is translated vain in some places.
 4. The “emptiness” (mataias) of life is a theme mentioned often in Ecclesiastes. In the Old Testament it is often associated with the idolatry of pagans. Similarly, in the New Testament the word group depicts pre-Christian existence (Acts 14:15; Rom 1:21; Eph 4:17). *Thomas R. Schreiner, 1, 2 Peter, Jude, vol. 37, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2003), 84.*
 5. The idea is that we were lost and wondering around aimlessly.
 6. We were reaching for all the things that would never fulfil our lives and that would eventually destroy us.
 7. Psalm 39:6 (NKJV)
 - a. 6 Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up riches, And does not know who will gather them.
 8. The Gentiles of Peter’s day worshiped idols, with all the immorality that went along with that.
 9. That is why it is so sad that many times when someone hears the gospel they think they could not give up what they have in this life for Jesus not

realizing that they have nothing, really.

II. Redeemed with the precious blood of Christ

A. Redeemed - ransomed

1. Matthew 20:28 (NKJV) Jesus gives this promise
 - a. 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
2. Luke 24:21 (NKJV) the two on the road to Emmaus anticipated it
 - a. 21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.
3. Acts 20:28 (NKJV) Paul proclaimed to the Ephesian elders.
 - a. 28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.
4. 1 Corinthians 6:20 (NKJV) Paul gives us the same motivation.
 - a. 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

B. Like a spotless lamb

1. This reflects back on the Old Testament offerings that were a symbol of the sacrifice of Christ.
 - a. Those sacrifices could only roll back sin for another year.
 - b. The blood of bulls and goats could not take away sin, Paul tells us.
2. So Jesus is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, John the Baptist said.

There is a green hill far away

There is a green hill far away,
outside a city wall,
where our dear Lord was crucified
who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,
what pains he had to bear,
but we believe it was for us
he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by his precious blood.

**There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin,
he only could unlock the gate
of heaven and let us in.**

O dearly, dearly has he loved!
And we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood,
and try his works to do.