

# REDEEMED!

1 Peter 1:17-21

Leviticus 25:47-49

1 Corinthians 6:9-20



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## Feasts of the LORD

- God's feast calendar has ended with the Feast of Tabernacles.
- Now the world "dies" - brown and cold.
- God's people *long* for the new feast season that begins with God's Passover on Saturday, 12 April 2025.

## God's Great Salvation

- Chosen/Elect of God (v. 2; Ephesians 1:3-4)
- Made children of God by God ALONE.(v. 3; John 1:13; 1 John 3:1, 10)
- Heirs of God and Coheirs with Christ. (Romans 8:16-17)
- A great inheritance (v. 4; Ephesians 1:11)
- An inheritance reserved for us and kept by God incorruptible, undefiled, and will not fade away. (v. 4; Ephesians 1:14; Colossians 1:12; Hebrews 9:15)
- We, ourselves, heirs, KEPT by God! (v. 5; John 10:27-29; 17:15; Philipp 1:6)
- Our faith being REFINED by God, our Father. (vv. 6-9; Job 23:10; Isaiah 48:10; Revelation 2:10; 3:10)

## PURSUE HOLINESS (1 Peter 1:15-16)

- (Hebrews 12:14) PURSUE holiness.
- (1 Timothy 4:7-8) EXERCISE yourself in godliness.
- (Titus 2:12) We are live, each day, soberly, righteously, and godly.

## Walk in the Fear of God (v. 17)

- A disciple walks in the fear of God daily. He takes God seriously at His Word.
- God judges EVERYONE (believer and unbeliever) according to one's works!
  - ★ Works are the only evidence that one is a Christian.
  - ★ Faith (believing) without works is DEAD. (James 2:14-26)
  - ★ Faith without doing is NOT BIBLICAL FAITH.
- (Jeremiah 32:40) At salvation God puts HIS FEAR into HIS PEOPLE so that they do not depart from Him!
- (Proverbs 8:13) The fear of the LORD is to hate evil.
- (Proverbs 14:16) "A wise man fears and departs evil; but a fool rages and is self-confident." (Proverbs 3:7; 16:6)
- (Hebrews 12:28-29) A disciple serves God acceptably with reverence and godly fear for God is a consuming fire!

- (Job 28:28) The fear of the LORD is WISDOM, and to depart from evil is understanding.
- (Deuteronomy 10:12-14) God command us to fear Him.
- (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14) It is the duty of all men to fear God and keep His commandments.
- (Luke 12:5) Christ commands us to fear God.
- (Proverbs 23:17) We are commanded to “be zealous for the fear of the LORD all day long”.
- (Revelation 14:7) God’s angel when declaring the everlasting Gospel commands men, “Fear God and give Him glory . . .”
- (Proverbs 1:29) Those who do not know God **choose** not to fear Him. (Romans 3:18; Psalm 36:1)
- (2 Corinthians 7:1) We commanded to cleanse ourselves from the **filth** of our flesh and spirit - perfecting holiness **in the fear of the Lord**.
- (Psalm 112:1) **Blessed** is the man who fears the LORD and who delights greatly in His commandments!
- (Psalm 128:1) **Blessed** is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways.

## REDEEMED from WHAT (1 Peter 1:18-19)

- “to redeem” - used to describe buying a slave at the slave market.
- We are ALL born into this world SLAVES.
  - We are slaves of SATAN. (2 Timothy 2:26; Ephesians 2:2)
  - We are slaves of the WORLD. (Ephesians 2:2)
  - We are slaves to our own LUSTS. (Titus 3:3; Ephesians 2:3)
  - We are slaves to SIN. (Romans 6:18, 20)
  - We are born into BONDAGE. (Hebrews 2:15)
- ★ This slavery/bondage involves our minds, emotions, and wills!
- We are ALL born into this world with a NEED to be set FREE.
- GOD sent His Son into the world to SET US FREE. (John 8:32, 36)
- “to redeem” means “to set free by paying a price”; “to pay a **ransom** (‘price for a life’)”.
  - ① To compensate for faults or bad aspects of; to make up for one’s poor past performance or behaviour.
  - ② To gain or regain possession of something in exchange for payment.
  - ③ To fulfill a pledge or promise.
  - ④ To buy the freedom of.
  - ⑤ To buy back a prisoner of war!
- **The value of ONE SOUL:** “no one can by any means redeem his brother, nor give God a ransom for him — for the ransom of the soul is costly!” (Psalm 49:8)
- “the soul that sins **must** die” (Ezekiel 18:4)
- “The **wages** of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23a)
- We are NOT “redeemed” (saved) by “silver or gold” or by “your aimless conduct handed down by tradition from our fathers” (v. 18)

## Our Kinsman-Redeemer (Leviticus 25:47-49)

- Qualifications/Requirements
- (Leviticus 25:47-49) Five requirements for a KINSMAN-REDEEMER according to the Law:
  - ① He must be **related by birth** and belong to the family of him who is to be redeemed!
  - ② He must be **able** to pay the price.
  - ③ He must be **free** himself.
  - ④ He must be **wealthy** to pay the price required.
  - ⑤ He must be **willing** to act as the redeemer of his family member.
- Christ, and Christ alone, meets the requirements to be our Kinsman-Redeemer:
  - ❶ He must be **related by birth**. He took upon Himself flesh and blood to save His brethren. (Hebrews 2:11-12; Matt 1:21)
    - In order to be related by birth we must have the **same** Father. (See John 1:13; 3:5-8; 20:17; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23; 1 John 3:9)
  - ❷ He must be **able** to pay. Jesus Christ was **able** because He was “God manifested in the flesh.” (1 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6)
    - All authority and power was given to Christ. (Matt. 28:18; 11:27; John 17:2)
  - ❸ He must be **free** Himself. Christ was FREE from all SIN! (2 Cor. 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5)
    - ★ Christ presented Himself as our sacrificial offering (lamb) “without blemish and without spot.” (v. 19)
  - ❹ He must be **wealthy** to pay.
    - The cost of a soul is **costly**. (Psalm 49:8)
    - He bought us with His **pure, blameless, precious** blood. (1 Peter 1:18-19)
    - He was RICH and became POOR for us. (2 Corinthians 8:9)
    - He was the ONLY One able to purchase a soul. (Psalm 49:15)
  - ❺ He must be **willing** to redeem.
    - Christ voluntarily **gave** Himself. (John 10:18; Gal 2:20; Titus 2:14)
    - Christ came to give His life as a **RANSOM** (“price for a life) for many – NOT ALL. (Matthew 1:21; 20:28)

## Christ Came to Redeem HIS People

- “to redeem” means to BUY SOMETHING.
- “to redeem” does NOT mean to make a purchase POSSIBLE.
- Christ came to REDEEM (SAVE) His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21)
  - **EITHER HE DID IT OR HE DID NOT DO IT.**
  - ★ See Hebrews 9:12 – He **obtained** it!!
- When someone goes into a store to make a purchase:
  - ① He SELECTS or CHOOSES what he wants.
  - ② He takes it to the cashier and he PAYS the FULL PRICE for it.
  - ③ **ONCE** he pays – it is HIS! (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

- ④ **ONCE** he pays for it he **TAKES** it for His own.
  - He DOES NOT *invite* the item home with him – HE TAKES IT HOME TO BE WITH HIM. (**John 14:3**)

★ **What was the PRICE? - “the precious blood of Christ”**

### **Redeemed People Are Peculiar People** (Titus 2:14)

- “special” or “peculiar” (KJV) means “peculiar” as used in Old English:
  - ① Belonging **exclusively** to **one** person – the person who paid the price. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
  - ② Felt to be a characteristic of **only one** - **DISTINCT**.
  - ③ Different from the usual or normal.
  - ④ Something **exempt** from the ordinary jurisdiction of whose territory it lies. (See Philippians 3:20-21)

### **Redeemed People Are Zealous People**

- (Titus 2:14) Redeemed people are “zealous for good works”.
- (1 Peter 1:13-16) Redeemed people strive to “be holy in all their conduct.”

### **Our Faith and Hope Are in God** (vv. 20-21)

★ **DON'T MISS THIS!**

- Christ was “**foreordained before** the foundation of the world”! (v. 20)
  - ★ This means that God had **PLANNED** the crucifixion **BEFORE** sin entered into the world!!
  - ★ This means that God had **PLANNED** the **elect’s** redemption (ransom) even before He created the world!
- (v. 21) “through Him” we believe!
  - ★ **FAITH** is a **GIFT** from God!
- (v. 21) God manifested – displayed His Son by raising Him from dead and giving Him glory so that our **HOPE** is not in ourselves, but in **GOD** and His Word!

### **Living of Every Word . . .**

- ① As long as we are **here** and we call God our Father, we must walk as the children of God - in the fear of God - practicing His righteousness. (1 Peter 1:17, 13-16; 1 John 3:10; Matthew 6:33)
- ② We must “perfect holiness in the fear of God” by cleansing ourselves of all filth of the flesh and spirit. (2 Corinthians 7:1)
- ③ We must always remember that we are saved (redeemed) by Christ, and Christ alone, and not by **anything** in ourselves! (Eph 2:8-9)
- ④ As redeemed people we are to be “zealous for good works”. (Titus 2:14)
- ⑤ As redeemed people we are “to be holy in all of our conduct.” (1 Peter 1:13-16)