

# MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

## **REDEEMED at GREAT COST**

### **1 Peter 1:17-21**

The Apostle Peter writes to Christian believers who call on God as their Father, just as we did at the start of our worship service. He speaks in verses 18-20 of the sure knowledge believers have of their redemption. This morning, as we share in the bread & the cup of the Lord's Supper, Christ Himself confronts us with the great cost of our redemption & what that calls us to.

#### **1. A costly redemption – vv.18,19**

“redemption” – OT, “deliverance”, NT “deliverance by payment”:

OT: the Lord redeemed Israel from slavery in Egypt.

There was a “cost:” the unblemished lamb of the Passover.

In the Greek & Roman world: the price paid to ransom captives or to purchase the freedom of a slave - payment in silver or gold.

Here – the redemption of sinners from a former futile way of life

(and all that that means – sin, idolatry, guilt before God, no hope).

God's payment for our redemption: more valuable than silver or gold – the blood The Lamb, unblemished, spotless, & precious – God's eternal Son, “the Lamb of God who takes away sin.”

#### **2. A planned redemption – v.20**

God's redemption of sinners was no afterthought, no Plan B or C.

God planned redemption in eternity, before creation, before Adam, before sin and the Fall.

The Father “foreknew” (planned beforehand) the sending of His Son to be the Lamb.

Are you trusting Christ for your salvation from sin & guilt? Then **know** that God – Father, Son, Spirit – had you in mind from eternity.

#### **3. A redemption that brings us to faith and hope in God – v.21**

Now Christ has appeared in time, died for us, and been raised again - bringing us sinners to faith & to a sure & certain living hope (1:3).

Our faith & hope do not rest in ourselves, but in God alone.

#### **4. A redemption that calls us to reverence our Father – vv.17+**

Redemption is **from** a futile life, from sinful desires & ignorance (18,14).

This great price was paid to bring us to a new life – in which,

- We know that we are pilgrims in this world. V.17

- We reverence our Father in heaven with a holy fear. V.17

- We seek to be like our holy God in holiness in our lives. Vv.15,16

- We see ourselves bound to each other & express that in fervent love. Vs.22

<sup>19</sup> *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.* **1 Corinthians 6**