

## **Redeemed By His Blood**

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### **1 Peter 1:18-20**

*“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.”*

Last Sunday morning I brought you a message on the subject: “PEACE WITH GOD.” Today, I will be speaking on the subject: “REDEEMED BY HIS BLOOD.”

I believe these are messages everyone needs to hear. I’m talking about church members, those that are not church members, believers, unbelievers, those who claim to be saved and to know God and to those who lay no claim to knowing God.

I believe that these are messages everyone needs to hear. You can call them “evangelistic messages, appeals to the lost, the call to the unconverted,” or whatever.

In 1<sup>st</sup> Peter chapter 1, verses 18 and 19, the apostle wrote; *“For as much as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but you are redeemed with the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”*

There are many, many things about the living God and His redemptive glory that I do not know. I don’t mind answering questions this way; I just don’t know. Someday I will know; someday God will reveal it to me. Right now, I just don’t know about many things.

The apostle Paul said, *“I count not myself to have apprehended, (to have arrived).”* He said, “I am not already perfect.” Again, he says in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13; *“We know in part; we prophesy in part; we see through a glass dimly (or darkly).”*

Moses wrote this in Deuteronomy 29; *“The secret things belong to God.”* There are a lot of secret things about God, redemption, eternal life, heaven, hell, and the future, of which I don’t know anything about.

There are a lot of things about the past that I do not understand. I can't comprehend God. If I could comprehend God, I would be God.

We receive the Word of God by faith. *"Without faith it is impossible to please God."* God doesn't have to explain Himself to us. He doesn't have to explain His will. He does what He will, with whom He will and when He will.

*"The secret things belong to God."* Those things that Moses wrote which are revealed belong to us and to our children. Let's not play smart or act smart like we know everything that there is to know about God.

Let's take the things that we do know and the many things that we don't know and quit speculating and delving into things in which there is no answer. The Scripture says, *"Then, face to face, I shall know as I am and have been known."* Right now I know *"in part."*

There are some things which are as clear to me as the noonday sun; they are just that clear. The apostle Peter writes about those things right here in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:18. Do you have your Bible open? Look at verse 18, he says; *"We know; (we know this), we are not redeemed, (saved, or justified), by corruptible things such as silver and gold."*

I don't know all that Peter was talking to the Jews about when he was talking about their vain conversation, (Judaism, ceremonies, rituals, and legalism). They were not redeemed from those things and from those ordinances by silver and gold; they were nailed to the cross.

This is what I know as Peter speaks to me; *"I know that by the deeds of the law no flesh shall be justified in God's sight."* I do know that. Any man who is trying to be justified before God by his morality is a fool. We have no morality in God's sight. *"There is none good, no not one."*

Any man who tries to be reconciled to God by his deeds of religion and by his works of religion and these things is a fool. After Paul wrote about the condition of all men, Jews, Gentiles, pagans, and religious men, he said in Romans 3:28, after summing the whole thing up; *"Therefore, we conclude; (this is our conclusion), that a man is justified by faith without the works of the law."*

He said again, *"If righteousness comes by the law, Christ died in vain."* That is pretty serious. I know that; I don't have to back up one bit on that statement; we know that we

are not saved by the works of the flesh, by the deeds of religion, and the works of the law. That is a fact!

*“If Abraham was justified by works, he hath whereof to glory,”* but certainly not before God. The Scripture says, *“Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness.”* We know that we were not redeemed by the works of the law.

Here is the second thing that I know: I know that we are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. This is what it says in verse 19, *“We are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ.”*

What do we mean by *“redeemed?”* You see it all the time; *“We have redemption through His blood.”* We are redeemed through the blood of Christ. The word *“redeemed”* means to be ransomed, restored, or to buy back.

One of our missionaries in the Yucatan of Mexico told a story when he preached here one time. He said that there was a little Mexican boy. He and his dad had made a kite, a very good kite, a beautiful kite.

They had put a long string on it, a tail on it, and took it out. They were flying it in one of the pueblos down in Mexico, in the Yucatan. The string broke and his kite got away. He looked for it and never did find it.

A few days later he was in another village, another pueblo near his own, and passed a little shop. This was one of those little outdoor shops that they have on the corners of the street down there.

There was his kite right there in the window. He went inside and told the man in the shop that it was his kite in the window. The man said, “No son; that is not yours; I found that kite and I put it in my window to sell it. I am going to sell it for three pesos.”

The little boy said, “That is mine.” The man said; “That is not yours; it doesn’t have your name on it. There is no way that you can identify it. If you want it, you will have to buy it; you will have to redeem it because there is a price on it now. It will cost you three pesos.”

Well; he got three pesos and his daddy bought his kite. On the way out the door he was holding the kite in his arms and said, “You are twice mine little kite. I made you and I redeemed you; I bought you.”

That is what the Lord Jesus says to us. He made us and it is by His strength and power that we live.

He also redeemed us. How did He redeem us? There was a price on us. The law and the justice of God had a price on my head. Christ came and paid it with His own blood. He redeemed me and He restored me. He bought me back.

The Scripture says, *"We are redeemed with his precious blood,"* the priceless blood. His blood is *"unspeakable;"* this is the way the Scripture talks about Him. He is *"an unspeakable gift, the unsearchable riches of Christ."*

His blood is precious because it is the blood of God. Paul said to the church at Antioch and the elders; *"Feed the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."* This is precious blood; this is the blood of God.

It is precious because it is the blood of the God-man. There has never been but one God-man and that was Jesus Christ the Son of God. It is precious because it was shed one time; *"By one offering he hath perfected forever, them that are sanctified."* It is precious blood because it is holy blood and is *"without spot or blemish."*

What do I know? I know this (and you better hear this preacher); we are not redeemed by the works and deeds of religion. No sir, we are restored, we are redeemed, bought back, with the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ:

"Precious is the blood of Jesus  
Who can half His worth unfold,  
Far beyond our understanding  
Sweetly sung to hearts of gold."

This is the third thing I know and this is as clear to me as I said before; as the noonday sun.

I admit that there are a lot of things that I do not know. Some will say, "I bet I can stump you with a question." Well, that wouldn't be too difficult. There are a lot of questions that I am asking and I can't find the answer to them either. I will know someday.

Here is something I know in verse 20; that Christ is the Lamb *"without spot or blemish,"* by whose blood I am redeemed, was *"verily foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times."*

Is that what it says? It is exactly what it says. Do you know what it is saying? It is saying that Jesus Christ is not only the Redeemer now. He was not only the Redeemer in David's time, Abraham's, and Moses' time, but Jesus Christ has always been the Redeemer.

There is no new Gospel. Christ in the Scripture says, "*Moses wrote of me and Abraham saw my day.*" Abel's blood sacrifice typified Jesus Christ. He is the Lamb slain, ordained and sent of the Father, yea, before the foundations of this earth were ever laid. That is exactly right!

He was chosen of the Father and slain in the mind and purpose of God before the world was. Before there was a sinner, Christ was the Saviour. Before there was guilt, Christ Jesus was the gracious substitute.

He was promised to our fathers in the Word. He was pictured to our fathers in the sacrifice. He came in the flesh, manifested in person, in these last days. "*This is a faithful saying and worthy of acceptance (by all men) that Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners of whom I am the chief.*"

Yes sir; I know that I am not saved by works. I know that I am saved with the precious blood of Christ. I know that anyone else, after me or before me, clear to the millennium or back to the creation of this world, everyone is saved by the same Redeemer who was "*the lamb slain before the foundation of the world.*"

Some were saved by looking to His coming. They were expecting, waiting, and believing in His coming. Some were saved by looking back to His sacrifice on the cross.

Fourthly: Look at verse 21; I know for whom Christ came and died. I know exactly the people for whom Christ suffered and died; it tells us right here. Let's look at it again:

Look at verses 20 and 21: "*Who verily was foreordained, (this lamb without blemish or spot), before the foundation of the world, but was manifested in these last times for you.*" There is no period there and it is not the end of that sentence; "*who believe in God who raised Him from the dead.*"

Those are the folks for whom He suffered. Those are the folks He came to save, thus the folks for whom He died, for you who believe in God. That's exactly right!

Our Lord Jesus Christ said in John 10:11; *“I’m the good shepherd. The good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. I’m the good shepherd; I know my sheep and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so, know I the Father.”*

*“I lay down my life for the sheep and other sheep I have which are not of this particular fold. Them also I must bring and they shall be one fold and one shepherd.”* He gave His life as a Lamb without blemish or spot for you who believe in God, who raised Him from the dead. Those are the people He came and died for.

Do you believe? You might say “I don’t believe that foolishness.” To the unbeliever it is foolishness. To the believer, to those who are being saved, the cross of Christ, the Gospel of Christ, *“is the power and wisdom of God unto salvation.”*

Those are the folks for whom He came for and those are the folks for whom He obeyed the law. Those are the folks for whom He suffered and those are the folks for whom He arose. Those are the folks for whom He intercedes.

Those are the folks for whom He is coming. He is coming for you who believe in God *“who raised Him from the dead.”*

Fifthly: Here is another thing that I know: We know that salvation is not by works. You can drive a peg there, for it is going to stay.

We know that salvation, redemption, forgiveness, pardon and life is through the precious, priceless, unspeakable, unexplainable, blood of God, the blood of the God-man, who was ordained *“before the foundation of this world,”* who was manifested in these last days who was our redeemer from all eternity.

He came to earth to redeem *“all who believed,”* effectually, efficiently, and eternally. We know this, in the last line of verse 21; *“Our faith and our hope is only in Him.”* Isn’t that clear? Therefore, our faith and hope is only in Him.

I don’t know how to make the Gospel any clearer. Why do we keep reaching for something else when it is free? Why do we keep trying to get people to do things that they can’t do and things that they cannot produce?

God doesn’t require you to produce righteousness, but to receive one. God doesn’t require you to earn salvation, He requires you to receive it in Christ. That is as clear as I can make it:

“My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and His righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming, (the overwhelming flood)  
And when all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay.”

In God my hope and faith is in God who purposed my redemption. My hope and faith is in God the Son who purchased my redemption. My hope and faith is in God the Holy Ghost who applies it effectually, irresistibly, and invincibly. That is salvation!

Brethren, we don’t boast of our knowledge. I’m not coming to you as an idle boaster. What we have now, we have by the grace of God. What we are, we are by the grace of God.

I do rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ; I do, I rejoice in Christ *“who of God is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. By his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many for He shall bear their iniquities.”*

Let me give you, in the remaining time we have, four tremendous themes regarding the precious blood of Christ as it is typified and pictured in the Old Testament. I love Old Testament pictures and Old Testament types.

Someone said that the “Old Testament is the New Testament concealed.” All of the New Testament is hid right there in the Old Testament. Spiritual eyes can see. Spiritual eyes back then could see it.

The New Testament is the Old Testament unfolding, revealed, or in full bloom. Oh, this is what David was saying, Christ was David’s hope. Peter said, this is what Joel was saying. This is what Moses was writing. This was what Abraham was saying, the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed. We have one Bible and two covenants.

Look at this; in the Old Testament, the typical blood of the Old Testament, there were found rivers of blood. There were so many lambs, turtledoves, and heifers, which were slain on altars.

The typical blood of the Old Testament and the Day of Atonement were shed and applied to deliver Israel from judgment and wrath. Do you understand that? Back in the Old Testament God said in Egypt; *“Slay a lamb; put the blood on the lintel and on the two side posts. When I see the blood, I will pass over you.”*

You see, death was judgment and wrath upon Egypt. The anger, wrath, and judgment of God, fell upon Egypt. That blood delivered Israel from God’s judgment and from God’s wrath.

Even so, the blood of Christ delivers us from the judgment and wrath of God. *“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us. There is therefore, now, no condemnation (no judgment) to them who are in Christ Jesus.”*

Just like in Egypt, there was therefore, now, no judgment upon the firstborn. There was no wrath and death for the firstborn who were in the house under the blood. The typical blood pictured Christ. Do you see this; it was Christ’s blood?

So, Paul said, *“Who can lay anything to the charge of God’s elect; it is God that justifieth? Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God who intercedes for us.”*

“On Him eternal vengeance fell  
That would have sunk my soul to hell.”

Secondly: That typical blood of the Old Testament was shed to make atonement.

The word atonement means at-one-ment (two at one-ment). This was to make reconciliation between God and the people because sin had separated you and your God. God is angry with sin.

In Leviticus 4 it says, *“The priest shall slay the bullock and the priest shall make an atonement (at-one-ment), for the people.”* In Leviticus 17 it says, *“The life of the flesh is in the blood; I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement.”*

We use the word atone. An example is how are you going to atone for that? How is a person going to atone, make good, or reconcile? The Scripture says, *“It is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul.”* Do you see that?



Even so, Christ by shedding His blood *“hath reconciled us to God by His blood out of every kindred, nation, tribe, and tongue under heaven.”*

Look at Romans 5:10; *“If then, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death and the blood of His Son. Much more then, being now reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. We joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we now have received atonement.”*

An enemy needs to be reconciled. An enemy needs an atonement to be “at-one-ment” with the one offended.

I don’t see how I can make that any clearer. Anyone who doesn’t see that doesn’t want to see it. That’s exactly right! Anyone who doesn’t want to see it just doesn’t want to see the atonement.

The typical blood of the Old Testament made atonement for Israel. They were reconciled. Even so, *“Without the shedding of blood; there is no remission* (there is no atonement and no forgiveness).”

Thirdly: The typical blood was shed to cleanse and purify the unclean. In Leviticus 14:1-7, the unclean leper came before the priest. The priest was to slay the turtledove. He would sprinkle the man with the blood. He would examine the man and pronounce him clean.

Even so; that was typical blood. Even so, the blood of Christ cleanseth us. This is what it says in 1<sup>st</sup> John; *“The blood of Jesus Christ God’s Son cleanseth us* (the unclean) *from all sin.”* The Scripture says, *“Though your sins be as scarlet; I will make them white as snow. Though they be red, (double-dyed) like crimson; they shall be white as wool.”*

*“Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it that He might sanctify it and cleanse it.”* He sanctifies it and cleanses. He makes things pure by His blood.

Justification is by the blood of Christ. Sanctification is by the blood of Christ. *“By one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.”* I am perfectly sanctified, wholly sanctified, by the blood of Christ.

God says *“Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. By one offering He perfected them that are sanctified.”*

That Old Testament blood is a picture of Christ. When that unclean leper came before the priest, he had to be sprinkled with blood. The priest pronounced him clean. I will tell you this; we are unclean lepers. We are going to have to be washed in the blood of the lamb.

That is what they sing in heaven: *“Unto Him who loved us and washed us in His own blood.”*

Fourthly: The typical blood of the Old Testament was shed to confirm and ratify the covenant of God with Israel. God made a covenant with Abraham in Israel. That blood is ratified and confirmed in Exodus 24: *“And Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people and he said; behold the blood of the covenant which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words.”* This blood ratifies and confirms that covenant.

Even so, the blood of Christ is called *“the blood of the everlasting covenant.”* He took the bread and the wine and gave it to His disciples and said; *“this is my blood of the new testament (new covenant) which is shed for many for the remission of sin.”* This is the blood that ratifies, confirms, and makes good.

This covenant is the testament or a will. It is called “the last will and testament.” For a will and testament to be enforced there must be a death of the testator. So, men die and leave a will and a testament. They leave their riches and goods to others and that testament is not enforced until they die.

Even so; Christ in His covenant and testament has left for us all the treasures and riches of grace, but He had to die.