

Fear, Redemption, Faith & Hope 1 Peter 1:17-21



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Overview verses 1-16

- **Verse 1-12** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ....Concerning this salvation*
- **Verse 13** First command given “**fix your hope fully on the grace** that will be revealed at the revelation of Jesus Christ”
- **Verse 14-16** Second command given “As He who called you is holy, **you also be holy** in all your conduct”

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1 Peter 1:17-21 (ESV)

¹⁷ And if you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

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²¹ 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.

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Another command is given v17

- “**conduct yourselves with fear** throughout your time of your exile”
- Fear (*phobos*)-1) fear, dread, terror 2) reverence
 - We must be careful to not make the mistake of believing the grace of God in Jesus Christ somehow changes the reality of God (nature) v16 “I am holy”
- To fear God is to live in the reality of His holiness
- **Romans 3:18** “There is no fear of God before their eyes” (concerning the lost/unregenerate)

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“Conduct yourselves with fear”

Why should we (believers) conduct ourselves in fear?

2 Reasons given

- 1) V17 And if you call Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds
- 2) V18 Knowing you were ransomed...with the precious blood of Christ

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“Conduct yourselves with fear”

V17 And if you call Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds (Conduct yourself with fear)

- It is true that God is our Father (personal/intimate)
- It is true that the sons of God will be judged
 - Judged “*impartially*”-no favoritism
 - Judged “*according to our deeds*”
 - “judges” present active verb
 - Discipline of the Lord now (as sons)
 - We will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ (deeds)

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“Conduct yourselves with fear”

V17 And if you call Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds (Conduct yourself with fear)

- As sons of God, our holy Father does disciplines/chastens those whom He loves (present)
 - **Hebrews 12:3-11**
 - **Acts 5:11** “*And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things*”
 - If you are living in knowing sin, there should be a fear in you
 - God takes sin very seriously

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“Conduct yourselves with fear”

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Judgment to come (deeds)

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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“Conduct yourselves with fear”

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Judgment to come (deeds)

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ **each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.** ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, **though he himself will be saved**, but only as through fire.

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“Conduct yourselves with fear”

(Conduct yourselves in fear) v18 *knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers....with the precious blood of Christ*

Ransomed- to redeem, liberate by payment of ransom (the cost of our salvation)

- **What was used to make the payment to purchase us?** The blood of Jesus Christ
- When we speak of the blood of Jesus we are speaking about the entire redemptive work of God in Jesus (substitute, blood shed for our sin (penalty), death, purchasing out of slavery, etc.)

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“Conduct yourselves with fear”

What were we ransomed from? *The futile ways inherited from your forefathers*

- When Jesus died for you, it dealt not only with the penalty of your sin, but the power of your sin
- This is a reality (Romans 6) “reckon yourselves”

Titus 2:11-15 *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

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(Conduct yourselves in fear) v18 *knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers....with the precious blood of Christ*

Knowing we were ransomed by the precious blood of Jesus, why does this promote “conducting ourselves with fear”?

- When we see the value of the precious blood of Christ (Cost of ransom), it should impact how you live (fear when you are not living worthy of the cost)
- Ransom analogy

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Conduct yourself with fear

- Knowing the One we call Father judges impartially according to our deeds
- Knowing that we were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from our forefathers...by the precious blood of Jesus
- Conduct yourself with fear throughout the time of your exile
- In other words, by your life (deeds) show that you honor God, and that the cost of your redemption is worth more than anything
- Christ died so you could live-so live Christ

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Magnifying the Preciousness of Christ blood (Value)

V18-19 *knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.*

- Does our life reflect that our salvation is more precious than silver/gold?
- Do we see how precious the blood of Jesus is?

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Magnifying the Preciousness of Christ blood (Value)

Hebrews 9:11-28

Ephesians 2:12-14 *remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.¹³ But now **in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.***

Hebrews 10:19 *Therefore brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places **by the blood of Jesus***

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Magnifying the Preciousness of Christ blood (Value)

1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.***

Revelation 12:11 *And they have conquered him **by the blood of the Lamb** and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.*

He is the perfect Lamb-He is precious

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Magnifying the Preciousness of Christ blood (Value)

v20 *He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you*

- *He was foreknown*-Jesus was not an after-thought (He is/was the plan before the creation)
- *He was made manifest in the last time*
 - **Phil 2:8-9**⁷ *but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*
- *For the sake of you*-Do you know yourself loved by God through Christ personally? Personally redeemed?

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Magnifying the Preciousness of Christ blood (Value)

²¹ *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.*

- *Who through Him are believers in God*
 - **John 14:6** *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me*
 - **Acts 4:12** *And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men^a by which we must be saved.”*

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- **who raised Him from the dead**-When God raised Jesus from the dead, He showed His wrath was satisfied and death/sin were conquered
- **and gave Him glory-Phil 2:9-11** *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*
- **What is the end goal of Peter showing us all this?**

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Magnifying the Preciousness of Christ blood (Value)

²¹ *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.*

- *so that your faith and hope are in God*-Faith is current and hope is future trust
- Peter has shown all of God's goodness, magnifying the preciousness of Christ, so we see the foolishness of following or trusting in anything but Him (today and for the future)
- V13 Fix your hope on grace to come and now v21 place your faith (today) and hope (tomorrow) in God

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