



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: July 8, 2018

Passage: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Title: Ransomed from Worthless Living

Summary: These verses summarize Peter's heart for his hearers: God is both Father and Judge, and those who have been rescued from sin's curse through Christ's sacrifice have been brought into the knowledge of God's grace and judgment. This should inform everything about how we live our lives. We no longer dread God's condemnation, because Christ has suffered death for us, and yet we live in the awareness that we will give an account for our lives.

Outline:

I. God is Father and Judge (v. 17)

- God has made us his children by grace
- God remains the Judge over humanity
- Our deeds will be the objective evidence by which we are held accountable

II. Rescued from Futility (vv. 18-19)

- Our former ignorance doomed us to worthlessness
- Apart from God's work, we had no hope to live for what matters

III. The Supreme Value of our Ransom (v. 19)

- The Necessity of Christ's blood
- The Sufficiency of Christ's blood
- The Power of Christ's blood

IV. The Eternal Plan of God to Save Sinners (vv. 20-21)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Are you confident that God is your Father? What images does that create in your mind?
2. Are you living in the awareness that you will give an account to God for your life? (See 2 Corinthians 5:10) What might need to change in light of this truth?
3. In what ways are you prone to live for futile/ empty/ worthless/ vain things? What do you hope these things will give you?
4. How precious is Jesus's sacrifice to you?
(The greater our awareness of our sinfulness, the greater our love for Christ's redeeming work will be. "Great Sinners need a great Savior.")
5. Are you trusting *entirely* on Christ's work through his death and resurrection for your salvation?
6. Is God's saving grace motivating your worship and your obedience? How can you meditate on this this week?

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