

Fear God!

I Peter 1:17–21

1. Live as Exiles

2. Live as One Redeemed

Three significant statements about redemption

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3. So That ...



We are glad you have joined us today to worship. We want you to know that we have prayerfully planned this time together and that we do “church” on purpose.

Our mission is to **reach** people with the gospel message of Jesus Christ, **teach** people to become devoted disciples of His, **equip** people for acts of service, and **send** them into ministry.

As you join us today, we ask that you, also be intentional in your worship of God and purposefully focus on your relationship with Him.

God Bless you as we follow Him together. — Dr. Steven A. Crane

Group Questions

1. If you asked people on the street the question, “What is the purpose of your life?” What kind of answers do you think you would get? How would you answer that question?

Read I Peter 1:17–21

2. What comes to mind when you think of God the Father?

3. What do you think it means to “fear God”? What can you do to ensure you have a healthy fear and reverence for God?

4. What does it mean that God will judge each one’s deeds impartially? (Read Romans 14:10–12; 1 Corinthians 3:10–15; 2 Corinthians 5:6–10) Does being accountable to an impartial judge comfort you as a Christian? Why or why not?

5. What does Peter say about the salvation that came through Jesus? (vss. 18–20) What does it mean to redeem something?

6. According to verse 18, from what are Christians redeemed? What does Peter mean by “the futile ways inherited from your forefathers”? How much of your faith and hope is in the things of this world, and how much is in God? How might your neighbors answer that questions about you?

7. Does the reality that God chose Jesus before the creation of the world help you understand how important you are to God? Explain. For whose sake was Jesus revealed in the last times? Does this help you understand how much God loves you?

Reflect

8. What are some modern day examples of futile living? What can you do to avoid these? What can you do to ensure you are living with purpose?

Next Steps

- In light of the precious blood of Jesus, I will put my faith and trust completely in him.
- I will strive to live with a balance between intimacy with God as Father, and a healthy respect for him as King.
- I acknowledge that I was redeemed for a purpose, therefore I will live with purpose.
- This week, I will give God the glory he deserves by _____.