



Message Series Guide

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Week 1 – Redemption in the Blood

I Peter 1:18-19; Ephesians 1:7



The blood of Jesus is the foundation of redemption. Jesus Christ died on the cross, shedding His blood, (and was then resurrected) as the only acceptable payment for our sins. The disciple Peter wrote in I Peter 1:18-19, “For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.” The Blood of Jesus Christ is absolutely the most precious thing God has offered us. His blood bought us back from sin and death. There was a price against us that we could not pay, but the blood of Jesus redeemed us and set us free!

READ:

I Peter 1:18-19; Ephesians 1:7; Romans 5:12; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:13; I John 1:9

- From whom did sin first originate? What did sin do in regard to our relationship with God?
- What does Peter say Christians are “redeemed” from (I Peter 1:18-19)?
- What does an empty way of life communicate to Peter’s readers? What does an empty way of life communicate to you?
- What are Christians redeemed by? How does Peter describe the lamb that paid the price of redemption?
- What were we redeemed for? What bearing does your redemption have on how you live today?

DISCUSS:

- What does it mean to redeem something? What kinds of situations were 1st century Christians familiar with that required redemption of people (slavery)?
- Why were animal sacrifices necessary in the Old Testament to atone (pay) for sin? How did the blood of the animal serve as a substitute? Why did people in the Old Testament have to make sacrifices over and over again for sin?
- How did Jesus serve as a substitutionary sacrifice for sin? Why did Jesus only have to die once for all sins? Why was He called the spotless lamb, and why is that important?
- God provided His only Son as the only way for us to be saved, and it required His death. What does this tell you about God’s intentional relationship with mankind?
- Does the reality that Jesus paid the price to redeem you lead you to a deeper appreciation of God (John 3:16)? Describe your appreciation.

PRAY:

Pray that you will be mindful that you were bought (redeemed) with a price – the precious blood of Jesus.

RESPOND:

Think of three ways that can live this week as a reflection of being set free from the penalty of sin by the sacrifice of Jesus’ blood on the cross.