

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **1Peter 1:1-20**.
- B. There is nothing to compare with the purchase price, and incomparable worth of our redemption.
- C. Knowing of its great value will in and of itself change our lives for the better.
- D. Today's lesson is show how great "our great redemption" really is.

I. OUR INHERITANCE, A LIVING HOPE.

- A. The resurrection of Christ has given us a living hope, in which we are saved (Rom. 8:24).
Hope = desire + expectation.
- B. If we hope to get to heaven, then we both desire it (will have deeds worthy) and expect to get there (1Jn. 5:13).
- C. Our living hope is to obtain an inheritance which is:
 1. Incorruptible (imperishable, NASB):
Unlike OT Israel, the Christian hope means no foreigners will invade (Rev. 21:27).
 2. Undeified:
There will be no idol worship, polluted sacrifices or temple (Rev. 21:8).
 3. Fades not away:
The Law of Moses fades away but not the eternal heaven (2Cor. 3:7,13; Heb. 8:13).
Also wealth, power, honor, glory, beauty, and success will vanish.
 4. Reserved in heaven FOR YOU.
The OT promised land was not eternal, heaven is (Phil. 3:20).
- D. Verse 5 says all of these are being protected or guarded by God!
- E. Verses 6 and 7, says all of this is worth more than gold (our faith that is) because gold is not incorruptible, undeified, fades not away, or reserved in heaven.
- F. Therefore, we have joy inexpressible because the outcome of our faith is salvation; our inheritance (1Pet. 1:8,9).

III. WE ARE PRIVILEGED, IT IS FOR US.

- A. The prophets and the angels must be very frustrated because they know not the things we know about Christ and the glories to follow (the church).
- B. The prophets are serving us! They received not what was promised (1Pet. 1:10-12; Heb. 11:39-40).
- C. Verse 18 says we cannot we hack to the past, and the ways of our forefathers to find redemption, it is not in perishable things.
- D. It is a perfect sacrifice, unlike these of the past, and has appeared for our sake (1Pet. 1:19,20).
(If you were the only sinful soul on the earth, God still would have sent Christ, to die for you.)

IV. LET US LIVE WORTHILY OF OUR GREAT REDEMPTION.

- A. Verse 17 then becomes the key to our life on earth. Because of our great redemption in Christ, by His resurrection, by our hope, "conduct yourselves in fear" (1Pet. 1:17).
- B. Back up to verses 13-16 and see how to "conduct yourselves in fear":
 1. Gird your minds for action.
 2. Be sober,
 3. Fix your hope on the grace of God.
 4. Be (as) obedient children.
 5. Be not conformed to former lusts.
 6. Be holy.
- C. Nothing on earth can match our great redemption, let us live like it.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Remember our great redemption which is an inheritance unlike any other:
 - 1. Incorruptible.
 - 2. Undeified.
 - 3. Which never fades away.
 - 4. Reserved in heaven, FOR YOU!
- B. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.