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**Date:** April 19, 2026 — 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

**Sermon:** “Redeemed!”

**A Study in God’s Word** Based on 1 Peter 1:17-21

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“Christianity,” proclaimed the great Reformer Martin Luther, is a “theology of the Cross.” Professor Henry Thiessen confirms that assessment: “Scripture teaches that we are redeemed through the death of Christ . . . . The term ‘redemption’ alludes sometimes to a payment or a debt and sometimes to the liberation of captives. Christ’s sacrifice provided for both” and thereby made possible the incomparable blessing of knowing and experiencing God (*Lectures in Systematic Theology*, c.1979, pg. 240). The Apostle Peter speaks of Christ’s atoning sacrifice in this memorable manner in 1 Peter 1:17-21:

*“<sup>17</sup> If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each man’s work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay upon earth; <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with precious blood, as of a lamb, unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. <sup>20</sup> For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> 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.” (NASV)*

Our reflections this morning on the redemption Christ has secured for us will revolve around these three truths:

- I. REDEMPTION’S **PLAN** – vv. 20-21
  
- II. REDEMPTION’S **PRICE** – vv. 18-19
  
- III. REDEMPTION’S **PURPOSE** – vv. 18-19
  - A. Negatively, to deliver us from our former “**FUTILE** way of life (v. 18)
  
  - B. Positively, to transform us into thoroughgoing “**BELIEVERS** in God” (v. 21) who live in holy “fear” of Him during the course of our “stay upon earth” (v. 17)