

THE REDEMPTION, NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE

I Peter 1:18-21

Introduction:

- A. The "scattered ones" were "to pass the time" of their sojourning through in "fear". vs. 17.
 - 1. They had sure knowledge. vs. 18.
 - 2. You should do it because "ye know."
- B. We should have the same knowledge.

I . THEY WERE NOT REDEEMED WITH CORRUPTIBLE THINGS.

- A. redeemed = "To bring forward a ransom."
 - 1. 'to release on receipt of a ransom."
 - 2. These people had been ransomed.
 - 3. The price had been paid.
- B. "Corruptible things" - perishable things.
 - 1. "as silver and gold."
 - 2. The most enduring metals.
 - 3. Gold. near \$800.00 per. ounce.

II . THINGS THEY WERE REDEEMED FROM

- A. "your vain conversation."
 - 1. vain = foolish, idle, useless, empty, referring to results.
 - 2. conversation = life as made up of actions, mode of life, conduct, deportment.
- B. A legacy from their fathers.
 - 1. received = by tradition, delivered down by one's father.
 - 2. More than Adamic sins.
 - 3. A tradition of empty living, meaningless life-style.

III. THE PRICE OF THEIR REDEMPTION VS. 19

- A. "precious blood of Christ."
 - 1. Precious = valuable.
 - 2. Blood = life giving, sustaining liquid.
 - 3. "of Christ" not blood of bulls and goats.

- B. "as of a lamb without spot or blemish."
 - 1. As of a lamb = sacrificial.
 - 2. Without spot or blemish = sinless.

- C. Why did God do it?
 - 1. Have we forgotten?
 - 2. The Israelites did, made a golden Calf and said, these be thy gods O Israel.

IV. THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION VS. 20a

- A. foreordained = ordained before the foundation.
 - 1. foundation = the founding of the world.
 - 2. world = the ordered universe, that order of things which, in consequence of and since the fall, is alienated from God, as manifested in and through the human race.
 - a. Rev. 5:6 ; Rev. 13:8.

- B. "but was manifest in these last time for you."
 - 1. "but it was for your benefit that he was revealed in these last days."
 - 2. God did it for our benefit! Not His.

V. THE LIFE OF THE REDEEMED VS. 21

- A. "who, through Him, are faithful to God"
 - 1. In Him, by Him, through Him.
 - 2. "who raised Him from the dead, and gave Him honor."

- B. "and so your faith and hope are fixed on God."