



"Responding to Salvation Grace" (Part 8)

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1 Peter 1:18-21



13 Therefore, having girded up the loins of your mind, with sober-mindedness, set your hope fully on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **14** As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance. **15** But like the holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; **16** because it is written: "You shall be holy, for I Am Holy." **17** And if you call upon the Father as the One who judges with impartiality according to each one's work, conduct yourselves with fear during your time of exile,

18 knowing that you have been redeemed from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things like silver and gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like an unblemished and spotless lamb. **20** He was foreknown from before the foundation of the world, but He has appeared in these last times for your sake, **21** 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.

– 1 Peter 1:13-21, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

I. Our Response to the Glory of our Salvation (13-21)

- A. We are to Fix our Hope on Future Grace (13)
- B. We are to Forsake our Former Passions (14)
- C. We are to Pursue Holiness (vv. 15-16)
- D. We are to Love the Father and Fear His Judgement (17)
- E. We are to Fix our Hope on Present Grace (18-21)

"Responding to salvation grace results in the pleasure of hope and the pursuit of holiness."

1. Know what you have been redeemed F_____ (18a)

a. *mataias* (ματαιας) = "futile, useless, empty idle, fruitless." The word denotes striving after that which is unattainable.

2. Know what you have been redeemed

W (18b-19)

a. A negative - positive emphasis . . .

(1) The Negative (18b):

(a) Silver and gold cannot redeem because:

(b) The scandal of the Reformation . . .

(2) The Positive (19):

(a) Why was Jesus Christ's blood "precious?" (*timios*)

3. Knowing who you have been redeemed B (20)

a. He was "foreknown" (cf. verse 2) meaning that:

4. Knowing what you have been redeemed F (21)

"God is present in all life with the influence of His omnipresent and almighty power, and no sphere of human life is conceivable in which Christianity does not maintain its demands, that God shall be praised, that God's ordinances shall be observed, and that every labor shall be permeated with fervent and ceaseless prayer. Wherever man may stand, whatever he may do, to whatever he may apply his hand in agriculture, commerce, or industry, or his mind in the world of art and science, he is, in whatsoever it may be, constantly standing before the face of his God; he is employed in the service of His God; he has strictly to obey his God; and above all, he has to aim at the glory of his God." – Abraham Kuyper

Conclusion . . .