

No Shame July 21 – Pastor Peter

| Isaiah 54:4-5 | QUESTIONS: |
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| "Fear not; you will no longer live in shame. Don't be afraid; there is no more disgrace for you. You will no longer remember the shame of your youth and the sorrows of widowhood. For your Creator will be your husband; the Lord of Heaven's Armies is His name! He is your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, the God of all the earth." | 1. What is the price of our redemption? |
| 1. The Price of Redemption | |
| Eph. 1:7,8 "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us." | 2. Who paid this price? |
| God has lavished redemption and forgiveness and the riches of His grace on us. And he doesn't only say we have redemption, that we've been bought back, He tells us how. | |
| The Currency of Redemption | |
| Every country has its own currency and heaven has its own currency. The currency of heaven is blood. The currency that Jesus uses to buy us back, to redeem us, is His own blood. | 3. Why do we need to be redeemed? |
| It's the blood of Jesus, that washes away our sin. | |
| How Do We Respond? | |
| Of course, we're thankful. But does the price of redemption have an impact in my life every day? | 4. How should we respond to the gift of |
| 1 Peter 1:17,18 "For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God." | redemption? |

LET'S GO DEEP

If we don't value something, we sometimes don't take care of it or respect it. God understands our nature, so He says, 'value this.'

1 Cor. 6:20 "For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

He's basically saying, 'bring Me glory with your lives because they actually belong to Me.' 'Live in such a way that you show you understand your value and how much I paid for you.'

2. The Application of Redemption

What are we redeemed from?

Redeemed From The Law

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We're redeemed from the Law.

Gal. 3:13 "But Christ has redeemed us from the curse pronounced by the law. When He was hung on the cross, He took upon Himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.'"

The purpose for the Law is to show God's standard. The Law shows God's standard and His standard is absolute holiness. And if I didn't know what His standard is it wouldn't be fair to penalize me for not meeting it.

The Law shows me that it's actually impossible to keep God's standard. And that is the curse of the Law.

There's a standard that God sets that we simply can't reach.

The Law is also called a 'teacher.'

Gal. 3:24 "In fact, the Law was to be our teacher until Christ came. Then we could have faith and be acceptable to God."

It teaches us that nobody is good enough. It teaches us that nobody is righteous. It teaches us that everybody falls short of God's standard.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why do we need to be redeemed?

2. What was the purpose of the Law?

3. What are we redeemed from?

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It teaches us that Somebody else has to restore me. And that Somebody else is our Redeemer.

And living for Him is a step by step by step process of growth.

Luke 5:3 "He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore."

Luke 5:4 "When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, 'Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.'"

Luke 5:11 "And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus."

There a clear progression in their response Jesus. A little from shore, then go deeper, then leave everything.

You may want to get closer to Jesus. You may want to grow in your faith. You may want to hear His voice more clearly. You may want to experience more of His presence.

Just take a small step.

Redeemed From The Power of Sin

And we're redeemed from the power of sin.

Titus 2:14 "He gave His life to redeem us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us His very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds."

James 2:10 "For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws."

Sin matters. And there's a shift that should happen in people who've been redeemed.

3. Our Worth Through Redemption

Value is determined by at least two factors. It's determined by what someone is willing to pay. It's also determined by who owns it.

QUESTIONS:

1. Does God change?

2. How is that helpful?

3. How is Jesus going to save the lost and give us life that overflows?

4. What was the price Jesus paid for us?

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1 Cor. 7:23 "God paid a high price for you, so don't be enslaved by the world."

1 Cor. 3:23 "You belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God."

The price that Jesus pays for you and the fact that you belong to Him totally highlights the value that He places upon you.

Even when we mess up and feel ashamed, that doesn't change our value.

Peter denies Jesus and he walks away from that episode weeping bitterly, wondering if it's all over between him and Jesus. He's so full of shame.

Mark 16:7 "Now go and tell His disciples, and Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee."

'Go tell His disciples, and Peter...' The one who hurt Jesus the most is the focus of special redemption and restoration

Putting it all together (Application)

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1. The price seems right if what you are buying is worth it. Offer and demand. This is a basic truth of not only economics but of life. The value of things are based on the worth of it before the eyes of the purchaser. You wouldn't buy a pizza for \$100,000 for example. Why? Because the price doesn't seem to be related to the worth of the pizza.

Sometimes we may feel our worth is low, so many mistakes made during our lives may give us a sense of low worthiness, of brokenness. And we may feel like the products on the clearance rack in the grocery store who nobody wants, but for God our price is not our self-worth value. For him we way more valuable and he paid for us full price in the currency from heaven, blood. He paid with the life of his son so we can have life. The highest price with the most valuable currency because before his eyes we are worth each drop paid. He did not tried to cheap his purchase, he paid what he knows we are worth. He paid the right price for you, because he knew what he was buying is worth the price. QUESTIONS: 1. What determines our

value?

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So how do we respond to that sacrifice, to that purchase? Gratefulness.

2. Law showed us the standard, Jesus redeemed us so we can meet that standard. It's like a cycle in which we are destined to lose, God's standard through the law of Moses is established so we know it but when we try to apply it to our lives we find out we fail again and again. Why would God put a standard on us that he knows we can't reach? To show us how he thinks and what he expects and to make us realize how separated we are from him. That is where Jesus comes in. He breaks the cycle and bridges the gap between God's standard and our capacity.

Many people reject Christianity because they consider the life of faith to be too 'perfect' or too 'hard' to follow. They see the standard expected and say " why even bother?!". They haven't met Jesus. When you meet Jesus you understand that you are redeemed and we are able to live a life of faith but not based on what we can do but on what he can do through us, if we let him.

3. What determines our value? Value is determined by at least two factors. It's determined by what someone is willing to pay. It's also determined by who owns it. If I want to sell a gently used pair of running shoes on eBay and Michael Jordan wants to sell the exact same pair that he used, which pair do you think is more valuable? Based upon these two factors, what someone is willing to pay and who owns it, we can start zeroing in on our value.

The price that Jesus pays for you and the fact that you belong to Him totally highlights the value that He places upon you. You're super valuable to Him. Your value isn't found in your clothes or your bank account or your job or your house or your car or your looks or your girlfriend or your boyfriend. Your value isn't found in your social media channel or likes or retweets or by the number of comments on your lostagram story. Your value is found in the worth that Jesus places upon you.

Jesus paid high price for us and once we accept him as our Saviour, we are his. So our value is not just high, is the highest in the creation! Jesus did not pay that price for no one else in the creation but us. That is what determines our true value.

ACTION STEPS: