



LET'S GO DEEPER

No Shame July 21 – Pastor Peter

Isaiah 54:4-5

“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. 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.”

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.

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?

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.”

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the price of our redemption?

2. Who paid this price?

3. Why do we need to be redeemed?

4. How should we respond to the gift of redemption?



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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)

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?

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?
