

When We Forget

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Scripture: 1st Peter 1:17-21; Luke 22:19

What happens to our faith in Jesus *when we get comfortable in His blessings?*

- WE OVERLOOK THE OBVIOUS!

We overlook the obvious when...

- We get *secure* in the arrangement.
- The comforts are *always present*.
- We *fail to appreciate* the gift, giver, and the cost of their sacrifice.

John 15:13-14 “(13) Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. (14) You are my friends if you do what I command.”

Luke 22:19 “(19) And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**’”

When We Forget (1st Peter 1:17-21)

To commune with Jesus, we must...

1) ...THANK JESUS FOR HIS RANSOM GIFT (Vv. 17-18) - “(17) Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your times as foreigners here in reverent fear. (18) For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were **redeemed** from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,”

REDEEM: (Gk: *lytroo*): “**the purchase price for ransom.**”

Idea: “release from prison, opening what is closed, destroying foundations.”

(Vs. 18) Slaves were bought with corruptible/perishable things (money, silver, gold).

- Christians are bought with the priceless blood of Jesus.

2) ...THANK JESUS FOR SIN DELIVERANCE (Vs. 19) - “(19) but with the precious blood of Christ, **a lamb** without blemish or defect.”

Lamb - The Old Testament sacrifices were *types* (foreshadowing) of Christ.

Exodus 12:5 – A Passover Lamb brought a **physical** deliverance (covering).

Jesus, God’s Lamb, brought **spiritual** deliverance from:

- 1) **Sin** (Isaiah 53:5-7, 10-11).
- 2) **Eternal death** (1st Corinthians 5:7; John 1:29, 36).

3) ...EXALT JESUS FOR HIS ETERNAL POWER (Vv. 20-21) - “(20) **He was chosen before** the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. (21) **Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him,** and so your faith and hope are in God.”

We think of Jesus as first Creator then Redeemer

- Jesus’ purpose was to be Savior first - to save the lost.
- Jesus is the eternal purpose of God (Father - Ephesians 1:3-4).

HE WAS CHOSEN BEFORE: (Gk: *proginóskó*): ***“To foreknow, to know beforehand.”***

Meaning: God & Jesus *foreknew what Jesus was chosen for; ordained for the task of the cross.*

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