

***Living for Christ
in a Hostile World***

Studies in 1 Peter

The Cost of our Salvation

1 Peter 1.18-21

The Picture of Redemption

- **Today –**
ransom demands from kidnappers
- **In Peter's day –**
freedom for slaves, at a price
- **In Old Testament times –**
escape from death through compensation
Ex 21.19-20

Redemption –
release by payment of a ransom price

1. What from? v18

- *from futility, emptiness, meaninglessness*
we've been made for Jesus Col 1.16
and find our ultimate purpose in him

detached from God,
self-indulgence takes over 4.3
1 Cor 15.32
- *from false gods Acts 14.15*
idols are what we live for, trust in
- *from reliance on religion*
self-commendation will always fail
Gal 3.10-11; 2.15-16; James 2.10

2. What with? v19-20

- *not with money or anything like it v18*
nothing is enough to pay off our debt
Psalm 49.7-9
- *but with the precious blood of Christ v19*
God's justice demands death Heb 9.22
sin's wage must be paid Rom 6.23
Jesus died our death sentence for us
Heb 10.4,11-14
he had to be perfect to do so v19
- *it was planned in eternity past v20*
John 10.17-18; Acts 2.23

3. What for? v21

- ***Jesus has shown us what God is really like***
John 14.8-9; 1.14,18
his amazing mercy and grace

- ***that's why our faith and hope are in him***
dynamic commitment to him
our confidence for the future
John 17.4-5; 1 Pet 1.3