

# FIRST PETER

## The Christian's Life in Exile —Part 8

1:17-21— “The Fear of the Lord and the Love of the Father”—April 26, 2015

*“But, dear friends, there is another fear that ought to be cultivated,—the reverential fear which the holy angels, feel when they worship God, and behold his glory;—that gracious fear which makes them veil their faces with their wings as they adore the Majesty on high. There is also the loving fear which every true, right-hearted child has towards its father,—a fear of grieving so tender a parent,—a proper feeling of dread which makes it watch its every footstep, lest, in the slightest degree, it should deviate from the path of absolute obedience. May God graciously grant to us much of this kind of fear!”*

—Charles Spurgeon

The Christian's Election and Exile—1 Peter 1:1-2

The Christian's Living Hope—1 Peter 1:3-12

The Christian's Life in Relation to God—1 Peter 1:13-2:3

- Emulating God's Holiness—1:13-16

### The Conduct of a Redeemed Life—1:17-21

The Fear of the Lord

*“<sup>17</sup> And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile ...”*

God as Father and Judge:

“Fear”—

⇒ Used in the O.T. of a proper relationship to Yahweh: *Ps. 34:11, Prov. 1:7, 9:10, Jer. 2:19*

⇒ Used in the N.T. in a similar way: *Acts 9:31, 2 Cor. 5:11, Phil. 2:12*

“...the time of your exile...”

—Why?—

The Work of Christ on Our Behalf

*“...<sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,<sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”*

Ransomed—**λυτρόω** (lytroō)— “to redeem; to liberate by payment of a ransom.”

A Contrast: “...not with...silver or gold...but with the precious blood of Christ...”

Imagery: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Uniqueness of Christ and our Privileged Position

*“<sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup>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.”*

Jesus was “foreknown” :

Jesus was made “manifest” in the last times:

## What is Peter doing in this passage?

- Peter’s concern in this passage is for Christians to live \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ lives.

⇒ The fear of the Lord comes from a proper \_\_\_\_\_ of God and of ourselves.

God is:

We are:

- Peter wants Christians to understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of their Heavenly Father.

⇒ We would be utterly lost apart from His \_\_\_\_\_ action. (1 Pet. 1:2-3)

⇒ The Father gave His only \_\_\_\_\_ on our behalf that we might be redeemed! (Jn. 3:16)