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I Peter 1:17-21
"Redeemed"

PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATION

The high cost of salvation-the Son's precious blood-calls for believers to live in reverent fear before God. Holy living is motivated by a God fearing faith which does not take lightly the great cost paid.

In Christ, believers live as strangers/foreigners/exiles/sojourners due to a shift in values. A believer's horizontal discomfort comes from their vertical commitment. V 17 starts off with "If you" to cause the reader to examine his being called/saved. The believer's relationship with God as Father is both tender and awesome. Gleaned from *Thomas R. Schreiner*

Jesus was foreknown before history began. Notice, it does not say-chosen, but that Jesus was foreknown. This *implies* His preexistence. This redemption plan was no afterthought. God determined to work in this way before history began. Revealed in these last times refers to the *incarnation*. We live right in the midst of this time of God fulfilling His promises. V 5 refers to the *eschatological inheritance* that awaits believers, V 20 indicates the that the last times have commenced with the coming of Christ. All of this has occurred for the sake of the ones reading this book even us today.

Redeemed is a significant word in this passage.
Redeemed "from your empty/futile way of life."
Redeemed by the sacrificial blood of Jesus.
Redeemed that believers faith and hope are properly placed in God.

Application:
Since judgement is certain, Christians are to live in reverential awe of God, yet not in terror of God. This is evidenced in 1:2 of this epistle, see the word, "peace," in the introduction. A confident driver does not go down the road in a state of terror of the what-ifs. They do drive down the road with a confident fear of driving distracted or driving down the high-way breaking safe passing procedures etc. this is by all standards a healthy fear. Same in the believer's confident and reverent relationship with the One who saved his soul. Keeping it in its proper perspective, the Christian life is a temporary stay on this earth "as strangers." Life is brief, use your time wisely, because the price of your redemption was the "precious blood of Christ."