

1 Peter 1:17-21 Bought and Paid For  
5/30/09 - The Exchange

- I. Running start context
  - A. Context of trials
  - B. Context of the amazing-ness of the gospel
- II. 1:17-21
  - A. 1:17 Not only do we put our hope in the wrong things, we do the same with out fear.
    - 1. call - like when a teacher calls on a student. He called us, we call upon Him. When might we call upon God? Context - help!
      - a) More often than not when we are in trouble, trials.
      - b) Why not develop the habit of calling on Him when good.
    - 2. judges - discerns, declares, decides
    - 3. fear - fear of what a gun does causes you to do the right thing
      - a) What about perfect love casts out fear, God has not given us a spirit of fear?
      - b) Jesus said, fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
    - 4. stay - pilgrimage, just passing through. Tread lightly. Camping. How much are you investing in this temporary land? Your, your family, your resources?
    - 5. Put it together.
    - 6. Why? Why with fear? Next verse.
  - B. 1:18-19 We don't put any value in things that don't have any value. The problem is, we don't recognize what has value and what doesn't. Connects to the fear thing.
    - 1. 1:18 redeemed - freed, loosed because a price was paid. Why were we redeemed? We needed to be. But why?
      - a) Because of what we have learned and what we are.
      - b) Every try to buy your way out of trouble? Doesn't work. We don't have anything that can pay the price of redemption.
      - c) God doesn't want our promises, vows, or deals. The only thing we can give Him is our heart, mind, soul, strength.
    - 2. 1:19 The blood. The only thing that can pay the price, the only thing of value enough to free us.
  - C. 1:20-21 The only thing that our faith and hope can be in is God. Not ourselves, not our resources, just Jesus.
    - 1. foreordained - before Adam and Eve sinned, walked in the garden, took a breath, before Genesis 1:1, it was finished (cross).
    - 2. If this is all pre-scripted it still doesn't matter. What matters is what we do with the information in front of us.
    - 3. It is only through Jesus that we can believe in God, rather, that God receives our belief in Him. John 14:6. Context argument.
  - D. Boy and boat story. That's God's heart for you. What is your heart for Him?