

SOMEONE PAID TOP DOLLAR FOR YOU

(1 Peter 1:17-21)

I. The PLAN of SALVATION (1:1-12)

II. The RESULTS of SALVATION (1:13-25)

A. Live each day with a suitable attitude of healthy respect toward God. (v. 17-19)

1. If you're going to appeal to God for help in life, you ought to treat Him with _____ and _____ appropriate to His character. (v. 17)

* What three natural attitudes are discouraged here?

* What one word summarizes your life before you were saved?

2. Two reasons are given for why this healthy respect is appropriate:

- a. Because the Father _____ everyone and everything in perfect _____. (v. 17b)

* Which of the Father's attributes is called forth as a reason for healthy respect?

* What is the standard?

- b. Because the Father _____ His most precious resource to _____ you. (v. 18-19)

* What resources did the Father *not* use? (v. 18)

* What was the only valid currency for your ransom payment? (v. 19)

B. Live each day acknowledging Christ's preeminence, which extends beyond the reach of time. (v. 20-21)

The past time period of Christ's pre-eminence is shown through a contrast:

1. On one hand, He was _____ before the earth began.

* "Foreknown"

* What else did God do "from the foundation of the world"?

2. On the other hand, He was _____ _____ to fully developed civilization, at just the right time . . . on your behalf.

* What exactly is Christ's "glory", and how does this magnify His paramount importance?

* How does all this apply to you?