

# I Peter 1:18-21 Foreordained Before the Foundation of the World

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1 Peter 1:17 NKJV - And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay [here] in fear;

1 Peter 1:18 NKJV - knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things,

NLT = paid a ransom to save you

ESV, RSV = ransomed

Redeemed = G3084 = λυτρόω lytrōō, loo-tro'-o; from [G3083](#); to ransom (literally or figuratively):—redeem.

**The KJV translates Strong's G3084 in the following manner: [redeem](#) (3x).**

## Outline of Biblical Usage

- I. to release on receipt of ransom
- II. to redeem, liberate **by payment of ransom**
  - A. to liberate
  - B. to cause to be released to one's self by payment of a ransom
  - C. to redeem
  - D. to deliver: from evils of every kind, internal and external

The two other scriptures where this Greek word is used:

Luke 24:21 NKJV - "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

Titus 2:14 NKJV - who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself [His] own special people, zealous for good works.

One of the results God the Father and Jesus were hoping for: to have a special people, zealous of good works!

## Ransomed:

1 Timothy 2:1 NKJV - Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, [and] giving of thanks be made for all men,

1 Timothy 2:2 NKJV - for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

1 Timothy 2:3 NKJV - For this [is] good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

1 Timothy 2:4 NKJV - who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:5 NKJV - For [there is] one God and one Mediator between God and men, [the] Man Christ Jesus,

1 Timothy 2:6 NKJV - who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

1 Timothy 2:7 NKJV - for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle--I am speaking the truth in Christ [and] not lying--a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Ransom = G487 = ἀντίλυτρον antilytron, an-til'-oo-tron; from [G473](#) and [G3083](#); a redemption-price:—ransom.

Outline of Biblical Usage:

- I. what is given in exchange for another as the price of his redemption, ransom

We've been "purchased":

Acts 20:28 NLT - "So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock--his church, **purchased with his own blood**--over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as elders.

Ephesians 1:7 NLT - He is so rich in kindness and grace that he **purchased our freedom** with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

Ephesians 1:7 NKJV - In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Ephesians 1:14 NLT - The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that **he has purchased us to be his own people**. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

Colossians 1:13 NLT - For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,

Colossians 1:14 NLT - who **purchased our freedom and forgave our sins**.

Hebrews 9:15 NKJV - And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the **redemption** of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Revelation 14:4 NLT - They have kept themselves as pure as virgins, following the Lamb wherever he goes. They have been **purchased from among the people on the earth** as a special offering to God and to the Lamb.

Verse 18, continued

[like] silver or gold, from your **aimless conduct** [received] by tradition from your fathers,

KJV = vain conversation

NLT = empty life

NIV = empty way of life

ESV = futile ways

1 Peter 1:19 NKJV - but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

*The New Testament mentions Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God in 31 verses—26 of those being in the book that concludes the Bible, Revelation. Obviously this is a major theme of this prophetic book about the future of humankind!*

*Jesus was announced at the beginning of His ministry as the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world (John 1:29; John 1:36).*

From the article by DarrisMcNeely, "The Lamb Foreordained Before the Foundation of the World". See link below in Additional Resources.

John 1:29 NKJV - The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

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John 1:35 NKJV - Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples.

John 1:36 NKJV - And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

1 Peter 1:20 NKJV - He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

Foreordained = G4267 = προγινώσκω proginóskō, prog-in-ocē'-ko; from [G4253](#) and [G1097](#); to know beforehand, i.e. foresee:—foreknow (ordain), know (before).

**The KJV translates Strong's G4267 in the following manner:** [foreknow](#) (2x), [foreordain](#) (1x), [know](#) (1x), [know before](#) (1x).

**“Before the foundation of the world” or similar:**

Matthew 13:34 NKJV - All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them,

Matthew 13:35 NKJV - that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world."

Psalms 78:1 NKJV - A Contemplation of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, [to] my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

Psalms 78:2 NKJV - I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,

NLT: for I will speak to you in a parable.

I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—

Psalms 78:3 NKJV - Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us.

Psalms 78:4 NKJV - We will not hide [them] from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

[I include the last two verses as it indicates that we should be teaching our children what God has revealed to us.]

John 17:24 NKJV - "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Romans 16:25 NKJV - Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began

Romans 16:26 NKJV - but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith--

1 Corinthians 2:6 NKJV - However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

1 Corinthians 2:7 NKJV - But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden [wisdom] which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

1 Corinthians 2:8 NKJV - which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJV - But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

1 Corinthians 2:10 NKJV - But God has revealed [them] to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

Ephesians 1:3 NKJV - Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places] in Christ,

Ephesians 1:4 NKJV - just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

2 Timothy 1:8 NKJV - Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,

2 Timothy 1:9 NKJV - who has saved us and called [us] with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

2 Timothy 1:10 NKJV - but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, [who] has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

2 Timothy 1:11 NKJV - to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

Titus 1:1 NKJV - Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness,

Titus 1:2 NKJV - in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,

Titus 1:3 NKJV - but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

Revelation 13:8 NKJV - All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

All this is wrapped up in the next verse:

1 Peter 1:21 NKJV - who through Him [referring to Jesus Christ, we therefore] believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

We have faith and hope because God has opened our eyes to clearly understand the mystery of His plan that he has been working out for SO many years-- a plan that includes us becoming part of God's family and receiving eternal life!

### Discussion Questions:

1. What benefits are there of reading verses in different translations?
2. How are these words (that we studied tonight) encouraging to someone going through trials, tests, or persecution?
3. How does the concept of paying a ransom demand help us understand redemption?
4. How do we express appreciation for the extreme price Jesus paid to free us from sin?
5. How do we relate to being slaves?
6. How do you imagine the time before the foundation of the world?
7. How can there be a time "before time began"?
8. How well thought out is the plan of God? How does it make you feel to know YOU are part of God's plan?

### Additional Resources:

Beyond Today magazine article "The Lamb Foreordained Before the Foundation of the World" by Darris McNeely

<https://www.ucg.org/beyond-today/beyond-today-magazine/the-lamb-foreordained-before-the-foundation-of-the-world>

Beyond Today magazine editorial "He Got On the Boat Anyway" by Scott Ashley

<https://www.ucg.org/beyond-today/beyond-today-magazine/he-got-on-the-boat-anyway>