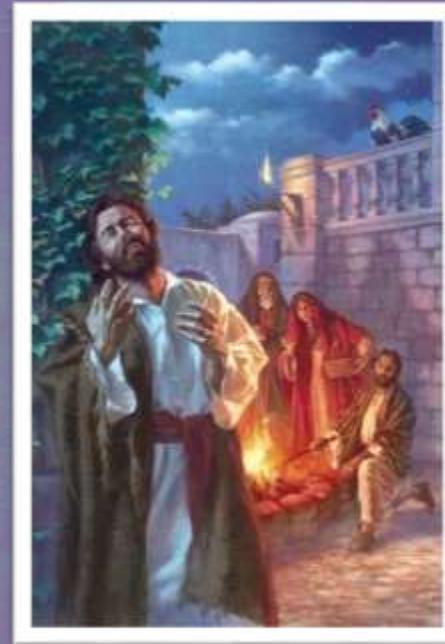
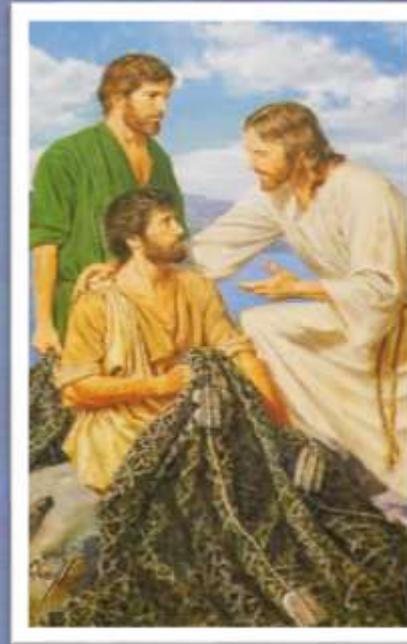


JESUS IN THE WRITINGS OF PETER

Peter knew Jesus and His power to transform lives personally. Therefore, his letters are filled with references to Him.

Who was Jesus for Peter?



Redeemer. 1 Peter 1:18-19.



The Passion. 1 Peter 2:21-25.



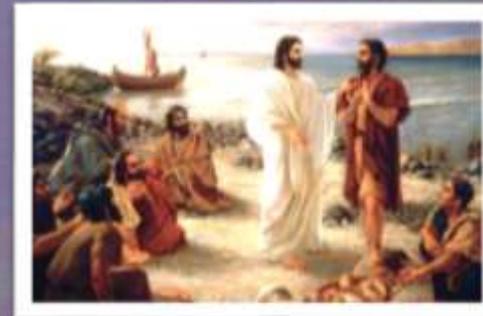
The Resurrection. 1 Peter 1:3-4, 21; 3:21.



The Messiah [Christ]. 1 Peter 1:11.



God. 2 Peter 1:1.



REDEEMER

“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” (1 Peter 1:18-19)

The Old Testament explains what could be rescued (redeemed):



The firstborn of a donkey and of their sons
(Exodus 34:19-20).



Things that had been sold to get out of poverty
(Leviticus 25:25-26).



The freedom of a slave
(Leviticus 25:47-49).

The redemption of such things could be done with blood in the first case (a substitute animal) or with money in the others.

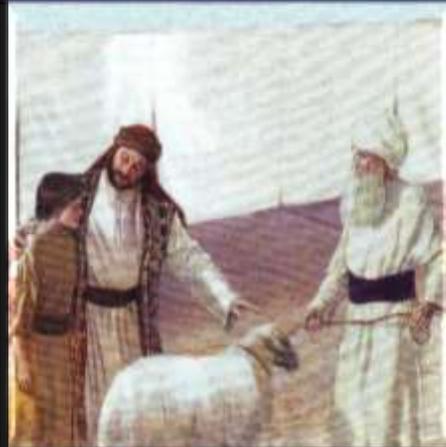
Peter explained that the price of our redemption is “the precious blood of Christ.” There’s nothing we could give or do to redeem ourselves.



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How were people rescued (redeemed) before Jesus came to Earth?



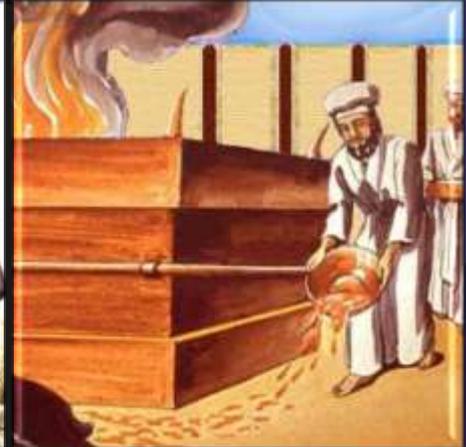
The sinner brought a spotless animal to the Sanctuary (Leviticus 4:32).



He placed his hands on the animal and confessed his sins (v. 33).



He cut the animal's throat (v. 33).



Part of the blood was placed on the horns of the altar and the rest was spilled at the base of the altar (v. 34).

That animal died in the sinner's place. Jesus redeemed us from our old sinful life by dying at the cross in our place. His life was given for our lives.

THE PASSION OF JESUS



"who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed." (1 Peter 2:24)



Peter quoted Isaiah 53:5 to remember the passion of Jesus, His suffering and the way He responded.

Jesus lived the most intense moments of His life from the triumphal entry to His death.

The prophet Isaiah foretold that He would be scorned, broken, abandoned, flogged, punished, wounded... Despite all that, He willingly surrendered to die for us. Thank you, Jesus!

Peter explained that He was also "leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps." (1P. 2:21). We are not called to die like Jesus did, but to live like He did.

JESUS IS RESURRECTED

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1:3)

The animals in the Sanctuary died forever, but death couldn't hold our Redeemer.

His resurrection is an assurance of our future resurrection. It gives us hope “to an inheritance incorruptible... reserved in heaven” for us (1P. 1:4).

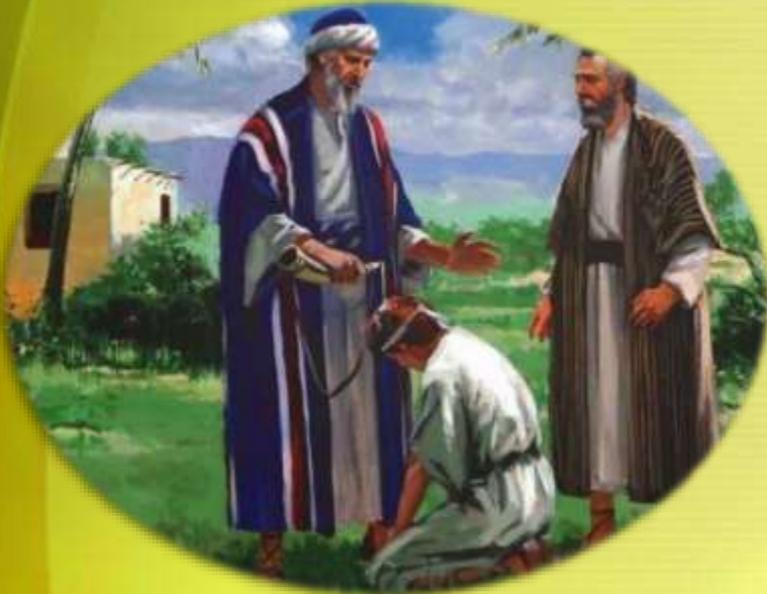


When Jesus comes back, those who slumber in death will resurrect to a glorious life that will never be taken away from them (and those who are still living them will be glorified too).

In order to live there, you just need to accept Jesus' death on your behalf and believe in His resurrection.

THE MESSIAH [CHRIST]

“searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.” (1 Peter 1:11)



Jesus is the Anointed (*Messiah* in Hebrew and *Christ* in Greek).

In the people of Israel’s time, kings, priests and prophets were anointed with oil (Exodus 28:41; 1 Kings 19:16). But their hope was set in the coming of the Anointed (with capital A): the “Messiah the Prince” (Daniel 9:25).

Peter was sure that Jesus was the Christ—the Messiah—since He met Him for the first time. Nevertheless, he and the people around him were waiting for a political liberator.

After some time, Peter understood the scope and the fullness of Christ’s mission, and he wanted to explain that in his letters.



"Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 1:1)

The name of God (YHVH) is not used in the New Testament, but it's replaced with the word "Lord" (Acts 4:26; Psalm 2:2).

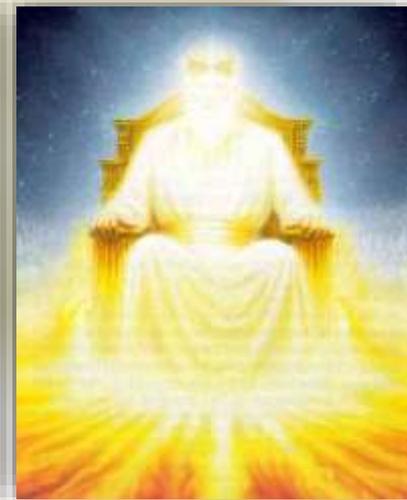
Peter used that expression many times to talk about Jesus (1P. 1:3; 2P. 1:2, 8, 11, 14, 16; 2:20; 3:18).

Peter (and others like John or Paul) talked about Jesus as being fully God too (2P. 1:1; Jn. 1:1; Titus 2:13).

Peter wrote about three divine persons in his letters: the Father, the Son and the Spirit (1P. 1:3; 2P. 1:1; 1P. 1:12).

One only God in three Persons. And the three Persons are deeply involved in our redemption. Glory to God!

GOD



“When Satan comes to tell you that you are a great sinner, look up to your Redeemer and talk of His merits. That which will help you is to look to His light. Acknowledge your sin, but tell the enemy that “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” and that you may be saved by His matchless love. 1 Timothy 1:15. [...] The merits of His sacrifice are sufficient to present to the Father in our behalf. [...] It is when we most fully comprehend the love of God that we best realize the sinfulness of sin. When we see the length of the chain that was let down for us, when we understand something of the infinite sacrifice that Christ has made in our behalf, the heart is melted with tenderness and contrition.”