

Last week we read how Christians, as elect exiles are called to be holy in all their conduct in life.

- Peter gives to us three motivations for striving to such different lives:
 - God's is holy, since he made you one of his children you are to reflect Him & his holiness.
 - We are to live in fear of God as the judge overall judging those according their deeds.

READ 1 Peter 1:18-21

ILL – Saving Private Ryan - Elderly man, WWII veteran in a military cemetery with is family. Rushing ahead of his family frantically searching for a tombstone visibly upset. Suddenly he stops, then falls to the ground weeping. Family rushes to his side. – FLASHBACK to story of squad sent to save Ryan.

The old man through tears speaks to the tomb..."I tried to live life as best s I could. I hope that in your eyes I have earned what you had done for me." Turing to his wife, he asks, "Tell me I have lived a good life and that I am a good man." Hoping for reassurance that he didn't waste his life that given to by someone else's death.

You were bought back from your sin and its deserved penalty

- Explained ransomed, except you were not kidnapped but rather held in on death row for heinous crimes deserving death
- The heinous crimes were the futile ways of the world, seeking selfishly and arrogantly living for personal gain and glory to build up you own kingdom.—denying God and rebelliously disobeying, never giving thanks or worship.

You were bought at the most precious price

- Not with perishable things... silver and gold, which we see as precious.
- God sees them as worthless because they fade... like trading my house for some tomatoes.
- You were bought with the bleeding out of THE CHRIST, not just a man.
 - Messiah, the king of kings, the restorer, the centerpiece of all history, the one whom the people of God have waited for for 1500 years... he gave his life for a guilty criminal
 - fixer of all things wrong died for one who lives to break & destroy all so he can get more.
- The Christ was the **sacrificial lamb**—Explain the burnt offering sacrifice
 - Person picks a lamb, brings it to the entrance of the tent of meeting
 - Place hands on its head—signifying that this animal represents me.
 - Slices its throat so the blood runs all down its fur – this is the death I deserve.

God planned the salvation of his people from before creation

- Jesus Christ, his life and death were elected by God before all creation – God had always planned to kill Jesus for the Christians
- Because the cost of sin owed to God is a god-sized payment, therefore only God himself could be the payment. Where the payment is made sinners are ransomed back.
- Jesus did not die for everyone – those who are saved are foreordained just like Christ's death.
- It was God's original plan to send the elected Christ to by back his elect, predestined people.

Conclusion

At the end of our lives when we face Jesus may we too tell him..."I tried to live life as best s I could. I hope that in your eyes I have earned what you had done for me."

- But we don't or can't earn it, so Instead of earning the life paid for by Jesus, we live it by having faith in Jesus.
 - Faith that Jesus will forgive our sin daily
 - and having faith that obedience to him is the best life one could live.
 - By faith reassured that we didn't waste our lives that given to us Christ's death

Tonight, is your faith & hope in Jesus, is your sin covered by his death, can Jesus say, lived a good life?

