

SOMEONE PAID TOP DOLLAR FOR YOU

(1 Peter 1:13-21)

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

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

A. Our everyday lives should be uplifted by *hope* in Christ's return. (v. 13-14)

* What two things should accompany this focus?

B. Our everyday lives should be balanced by the *holiness* God intends for us. (v. 15-16)

* What is the basis for God's command?

* How are we to "be holy"?

C. Our everyday lives should be marked by *reverence* before the coming Judge. (v. 17-21)

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 factual reasons 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 by which God will judge?

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

* What resources did the Father *not* use?

* What was the only valid currency for your ransom payment?

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

i. On one hand, He was _____ before the earth began. (v. 20a)

* "Foreknown"

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

ii. On the other hand, He was _____ _____ to fully developed civilization, at just the right time . . . for you. (v. 20b)

* How does all of this apply to you?