

The King's Ransom

Text: **1 Peter 1:18-21**; cf. *Exodus 12*; *Mark 10:45*; *John 8:34-36*;
Colossians 2:13-15

I.Intro

- Peter gives the Church another reason to be Holy: the great value of the price that purchased our freedom
- The ransom Peter is talking about is the ransom Christ paid to free us from total slavery

II.Slavery to Sin

- Unless we understand the problem we have without Christ for what it truly is, we will not understand the Gospel of what Christ has done
- Because you and I were slaves of sin, and even joyfully obeyed all our former master's commands, we were in need of someone else to purchase our freedom

III.The King's Ransom

- Peter is not saying that Jesus paid a ransom price to sin, or death, or the devil—even though they are the slave master of all sinners
- The record of debt that stood against us is paid in full by Jesus. We are no longer subject to death because of our sin. There is no longer anything that the devil can hold over us to make demands on our service.

IV.Conclusion

- In light of the great price paid for your ransom, be holy because God is holy.
- God's holiness is beautiful. If you want to see how beautiful God's holiness is, you have got to look at Jesus.
- The problem with pessimism is that you end up being suspicious that God is just the same kind of taskmaster as the devil.
- God is not out to get you and make you miserable.
- In fact, He's set all His power to doing you good.