

## Radio Message

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*“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things but such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (I Peter 1: 18)*

[Editor’s Note: This is one of Rev. Robinson’s radio messages. For a number of years during his pastorate in East Rockingham, NC (1945-1956), he hosted a radio program that featured singers from his church and usually a brief message like this one. At first, the program aired every Sunday afternoon and then expanded to a five-day afternoon format, each Tuesday through Saturday.]

Opening Song: Blessed Redeemer

Message:

The word precious is an adjective peculiar to the style of Simon Peter’s writings. It is used at least six times in his short epistles to describe his estimate of the things of great value in Christ and his Gospel. In his vocabulary it was a superlative term. When he came to the appraisal of the blood of Jesus Christ, he could think of no word that would express its inestimable value more than the word precious. So he said, “You are redeemed with the precious blood of Christ.”

We know that the Apostle here had weighed matters well. He was using the proper scale of value. He no doubt was making a comparison between earth’s legal tender and the blood. The words silver and gold here represent all of the combined treasures of earth upon which men place great value. Thus, he summarized all earthly value in the two words, silver and gold. Then he threw them all over the board with the statement, “This did not redeem you. It was the precious blood of Christ.

In this text we have the unwritten truth that the world was lost and estranged from God, wandering the rim of ruin. The world was a begging, ragged, starving prodigal, dying in the far country of sin. Penniless and helpless to redeem itself, the world was like a doomed man ready for the gallows. Or perhaps a better illustration is that of a race of men who were slaves, shackled in chains, milling about in the slave markets waiting to be sold to the highest bidder. The devil was bidding high, and there was no one to offer the element that God would accept as a token of redemption. All of man's self-righteousness, goodness, wealth, silver, and gold could not satisfy divine justice. And then, from the dark hill of Calvary came a voice that has reverberated around the world and sounded out to the eternal ages. Jesus said, "I offer my blood to redeem fallen man."

As a reminder that the blood was sufficient, God answered back: "This is my Son in whom I am well pleased." From that point the fountain of life sprang up. And from that day the multiplied thousands of sin slaves have rejoiced in the freedom of the blood. No wonder the Apostle viewed the trickling blood stains that flowed from the riven side of the dying Lamb of God, "For ye are redeemed with the precious blood of Christ."

He well called it precious because by the blood we are freed from sin.

By the blood we are healed of all manner of diseases.

By the blood we conquer death.

By the blood we regain our lost heritage.

By the blood we enter heaven's portals.

By the blood we live eternally with God.

Closing song: The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

Final comments: We cannot give you any definite announcement now about the program next week. I will say this. You tune in next Tuesday at this time and if we have any funds that come into this program by that time, we can assure you that we will be back with your daily message. Remember our services tomorrow at the East Rockingham P. H. Church. We remind you of our bus that leaves the suburban station at 9:30 a.m. Thank you for listening. God bless.