



# *Epistle of 1 Peter*

## *1 Peter 1:17-21 – ‘A New Life of Reverence, Part 1’*

- *1 Peter 1:17 – “And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;”*
  - Is *if* conditional (Thayer) or *since* (Wuest, Constable)?
  - *who without partiality (without respect for persons) judges according to each one’s work*
    - *without respect for persons* – only NT use
      - Vincent – ‘Peter, however, uses προσωπολήμπτης, *a respecter of persons*, Acts 10:34. Paul and James also use the kindred word προσωποληψία, *respect of persons*. Other uses – Rom 2:11; James 2:1.’
  - Does this include the church and unsaved?
    - 2 Cor 5:10 - *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*



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- Then what about the next phrase, does it imply to the flesh?
  - 1 Cor 3:13 - *each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be **revealed by fire**; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.*
  - Rom 14:10 - *But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? **For we shall all stand before the judgment seat.***
  - John 5:22 - *“For the Father judges no one, but has committed all **judgment to the Son,***
- *conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in **fear**;*
  - *conduct* is passive imperative – why passive?
  - *in fear* – with reverence and respect
    - Heb 12:28 - *Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we serve God acceptably with **reverence and godly fear.***
    - Eph 6:5 - *Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, **with fear and trembling**, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;*



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- Darby – ‘The thing spoken of here is the daily judgment of God's government in this world, exercised with regard to His children. Accordingly it says, "the time of your sojourn here." It is a judgment applied to Christian life. The fear spoken of is not an uncertainty as to salvation and redemption. It is a fear founded on the certainty that one is redeemed;’
- ***1 Peter 1:18 – “knowing that you (ye) were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,”***
  - *knowing* is *eidō* – facts, self-evident!
  - *were not redeemed (bought, set free)* – aorist passive indicative
  - What do you think of as *corruptible, silver and gold*?
  - Here’s a list from strongest to weakest:
    - Tungsten, iron, tantalum, nickel, copper, chromium, titanium, silver, gold, aluminum, tin, lead.



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- No, its our *aimless (vain) conduct received by tradition from your fathers (literally given from father)*.
  - Look what we’ve inherited, is it fair?
  - Ponder this *vanity* – what a waist of our soul, conversation, life!
    - » *1 Cor 3:20 - And again, The Lord knows the **thoughts of the wise**, that they are **vain**.*
  - Let’s put this into biblical context:
    - » *Rom 1:21 -because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but **became futile** in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened*
    - » *Rom 1:23 - and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like **corruptible man**—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.*
    - » *1 Cor 15:53,54 - For **this corruptible** must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when **this corruptible** has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory. (Isaiah 28:5)”*
- But let’s glory in our great redemption.
  - *1 Cor 7:23 - You were **bought at a price**; do not become slaves of men.*



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- *Gal 1:4 - who gave Himself for our sins, that He might **deliver us** from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,*
- *Titus 2:13,14 - ..... our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might **redeem** us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*
- *Back to 1 Peter 1:15 - but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,*
- ***1 Peter 1:19 – “but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”***
  - What do you think of when you think of something *precious*?
    - In the Greek can be translated as *costly* or *held in high honor (esteemed)*
    - Of interest most scriptural references (7/13) usng *precious* relate to stones, e.g.
      - *Rev 21:19 - The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of **precious** stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second*



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*sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,*

- This *precious blood* relates to a *lamb without blemish or spot*.
  - And this lamb was *perfect, faultless, unblameable*
    - *Exod 12:5 – Your **lamb shall be without blemish**, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.*
    - *Lev 22:21 - And whosoever offers a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the Lord to accomplish his vow, or a freewill offering in beeves or sheep, it shall be **perfect** to be accepted; there shall be **no blemish** therein.*
    - *Isaiah 53:7 - He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was **led as a lamb to the slaughter**, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.*
    - *John 1:29 - The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! **The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**”*
    - *Heb 9:14 - How much more shall the blood of Christ, who **through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot** to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*
    - *1 John 1:7 - But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the **blood of Jesus Christ His Son** cleanses us from all sin.*