

From the Pastor:

1 Peter 1:18-19 continues the thought of verse 17, “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver and gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

We do not think about the word “redeem” very often. If we do we usually think of it in the context of taking an item purchased back to the store to “redeem” it, i.e. to receive back the purchase price, or to redeem coupons.

However, in the Greek of the New Testament it has a different meaning. The Greek word translated “redeemed” in this verse is the verb “lutroo.” Lutroo is from the noun “lutron.” From Danker’s Lexicon “lutroo” has two definitions. The first is “to free by paying a ransom.” The second is to liberate from an oppressive situation.”

Danker’s defines “lutron” as the “price of release, ransom.” Therefore, “lutron” is that which is paid to effect a release or “lutroo.”

This is what Jesus Christ accomplished by the shedding of His blood to death. His blood (or, His death that resulted from shedding His blood) redeemed us (ransomed us) from our captivity to Satan.

Mr. Armstrong wrote a booklet titled “A World Held Captive.” It described the fact that humankind became the captives of Satan from the days of Adam and Eve. The “Christian” world does not recognize the fact that it has been following the ways and religion of “the god of this world” (2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV, or “the god of this age” NKJV) from those days when Satan influenced Adam and Eve to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and thus reject the instruction and teaching of God.

However, Jesus Christ came as the perfect sacrifice for sin whose blood enables us to “escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.” (2 Timothy 2:26) This liberation from the captivity of Satan is one of the truths Jesus said He came to do. Luke 4:18 reads, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor...to preach deliverance to the captives...”

As we know death is the penalty of sin. (Romans 6:23) That penalty was paid for us by the death of Jesus Christ. His shed blood is what redeemed us (ransomed us) from our slavery (bondage) to sin and Satan. (Matthew 20:28; Revelation 5:9)

Jesus Christ was the perfect sacrifice for sin. He was indeed “a lamb without blemish.” All sin offerings were to be animals without blemish (Leviticus 4:3, 23; Numbers 6:14; Ezekiel 43:22).

We were freed from death and our captivity to sin and Satan by the death and shed blood of

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	5:31pm	5:35pm	5:39pm
Sunset Friday 11-29	5:30pm	5:34pm	5:38pm

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November 23, 2019

Victoria

Sermon: Headquarters DVD

Corpus Christi

Split Sermon: Jared Brunick
Split Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: Michael Watts
Sermon: Arnold Mendez

“The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord,
but the prayer of the upright is His delight.”

Proverbs 15:8

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 11-23	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
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Attention All Teens:

The time has come to apply for Teen Winter Camp 2019. The application deadline is Nov. 15. For more information, please go to:
camps.cogwa.org/camps/winter-camp/
We look forward to seeing you there!

WFW Announcement:

Winter Family Weekend 2019 is just around the corner, and we are excited to announce that registration will open on Monday, Nov. 4! This year, Winter Family Weekend will run from Tuesday evening, Dec. 24, through Saturday night, Dec. 28, and will once again be held at the beautiful Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Many of the fun activities we have all come to enjoy are once again planned for this year! For most of the activities, it is important we have an accurate count in advance. So, if you plan to attend this year's Winter Family Weekend, please take some time to login to the member portal to register and select the areas you plan to participate in.

For more information, we have provided a fact sheet that details more about the weekend. Also feel free to visit the WFW website (<https://members.cogwa.org/wfw/>) or the COGWA WFW Facebook page (facebook.com/groups/cogwawfw) for updates and additional information.

Please plan to join Nathan Willoughby for this study, "What Is Your Reality?" That's this Friday evening, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. Central time, for Friday Night Live.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Pot Luck: The next potluck will be on December 7.