

## Lesson 20

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### Some signs of the coming end times:

False Teachers Matt 24:5

Wars and rumors of wars (Nuclear) Matt 24:6

Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom

Famines and Earthquakes Matt 24:7

Israel becomes a nation (1948)

Moral Degeneration (Rampant now)

**Pestilence** -The meaning is a contagious or infectious epidemic disease that is virulent and devastating.

There will be an increase in Covid like diseases.

Preparation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple rebuild

One Worldwide Government and one Worldwide Religion

200 Million man army (possibly China) Rev 9:16 - The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

We have seen 3 references of Hope that refer to the Rapture.

**1 Pet 1:3-4** - (**The Living Hope**) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4) to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

The phrase "according to His great mercy" refers to God's unmerited favor toward sinners in their hopeless condition. He has given us new birth; people can do nothing to merit such a gift. Peter may have been recalling Jesus' interview with Nicodemus (John 3:1-21). The "new birth" results in a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The "living hope" is based on the living resurrected Christ.

Here "living" means that the believer's hope is sure, certain, and real, as opposed to the deceptive, empty, false hope the world offers.

Vs. 4) The sure hope is of a future inheritance, as understood by the Israelites and their possession of the land God promised them, (a gift for His chosen people) .

A Christian's inheritance cannot be destroyed by hostile forces, and it will not spoil like overripened fruit or fade in color.

**Titus 2:13 - (The Blessed Hope) looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.**

God's grace enables us to live rightly in the present while giving us a future perspective as well. We eagerly await for the appearing of Jesus Christ (at the Rapture), who is our Savior and our great God. These are the truths Titus should teach to encourage the church and rebuke the heretics.

**1 John 3:3 - (The Purifying Hope) And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.**

We are Waiting for Christ's return at the Rapture.

The condition of men's hearts is in a horrible condition.

We knew this would happen according to scripture and we know that things would get much worse. John pointed out how we

can set our hope on Christ by faith (the object of the faith) which allows us to be pure through Christ's own pureness.

We can be either in a carnal state or a spiritual state.

Acknowledging our sin to God will restore our fellowship with Him. **(1 John 1:9)**

We can have hope in the upcoming rapture and Jesus will remove us from the coming judgement on the world. Here are a few scriptures that describe the upcoming end times conditions of men.

**2 Tim 3:1-5 - But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2) For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3) unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4) treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5) holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.**

**2 Tim 4:3-4 - For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in**

accordance with their own desires, 4) and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

1 Tim 4:1 - But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.

2 Pet 3:3-6 - Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, 4) and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." 5) For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, 6) through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. (Gen. 1:6-7)

Peter met those arguments head on by reviewing some ancient history. Just as water by God's command played a significant role in the early formation of the earth, so water also was the agent for destruction of the earth at God's command.

**Jude 18-19 - that they were saying to you, "In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts."**

**19) These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.**

We have a guarantee that Jesus will return in the clouds (Rapture), receiving the believers to Himself.

(Go to 1 Thess. 4:13-18, 1 Cor. 3:12-15)

For the Church age believer, we look forward to the Rapture.

And we continue with our scripture in Titus .....

**Tit 2:14 - (Jesus Christ) who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.**

**Christ gave Himself-** Christ went to the cross to pay the penalty for the world's sin.

**to redeem us-**To release or set free by paying a ransom or a debt.

## The Doctrine of Redemption

John 8:31-36 - So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32) and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33) They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You will become free?'" 34) Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin **is the slave of sin**. 35) "The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. 36) "So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

### Free from what?

- (1) Free from the penalty of sin. (Christ's atonement for all)
- (2) Free from the bondage of sin. (under Grace not the law)
- (3) Free from carrying your own problems. (trusting Christ with your problems)

Psa. 55:22 - Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.

The problem with many people is that they will not admit that they are in bondage. They are like the Jews in Verse 33.

- a. All unbelievers and some believers are in bondage because they try to handle their troubles by themselves.  
They are DO IT YOURSELF problem solvers!
- b. People who try to solve their problems by their abilities instead of the Lord's ability are in bondage to sin!  
Why? People become slaves to sin when they stop trusting the Lord!
- c. MAS (Mental Attitude Sins) automatically develop when we rely on ourselves instead of God to solve our problems.

**1 Pet. 5:7 - casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.**

**Isa. 30:18 - Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore, He waits on high to have compassion for you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.**

1. **Christ [paid the ransom for sin](#) on the cross.**

**Gal. 3:13 - Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"**

The positive side of Paul's argument emphasized that there is hope for all who have broken the Law and are therefore under



its curse. That hope is not in man but in Christ who redeemed us from the curse of the Law. Christ became the curse for us.

This is a strong declaration of substitutionary redemption whereby Christ took the penalty of all guilty lawbreakers on Himself. Thus the "curse of the Law" was transferred from sinners to Christ, the sinless One ( 1 Peter 3:18), and He delivered people from it.

**1 Pet. 1:18-19 - knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19) but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.**

**Psa. 34:22 - The LORD redeems the soul of His servants,**

**And none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

2. Redemption is a doctrine we can apply in times of pressure or catastrophe.

We know we can trust Him because Redemption has already taken place. This is very important for us to remember, that whatever happens in life we are redeemed in Christ. That should give us strength!

3. Redemption results in the adoption of believers.

We are adopted as "Huios" (adult sons) at salvation.

Gal. 4:4-6 - But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5) so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6) Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"