

1 Peter 1:20-21

We must live in the fear of the Lord, knowing that we've been ransomed from our sinful past at such a great cost

And because this was...

1. God's Big Plan

- a. He was foreknown
 - Before the foundation of the world
- b. But was made manifest
 - In the last times

2. For You

- a. For the sake of you
- b. Who through Christ are believers in God
 - In God who raised and glorified Christ
- c. So that your faith and hope are in God

3. God's Big Plan For You Today

- a. Think Big, Live Large

1. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling? Please explain.
2. On Sunday we heard some ways that our culture tends to “think too small” about life & its purpose. What are some more ways that we do this? What are some ways that you yourself have done or may do this?
 - a. What do you think the rightful places are for the things that we are too easily satisfied with (house, money, security, etc).
 - b. Have you found it easier to be mindfully set on God’s plan for eternity during less prosperous times in life? Why do you think that is?
 - c. How could we be stewards of these things while not finding our identity or value in them?
3. Read 1Peter 1:1-2, and then 1 Peter 1:
 - a. On Sunday we learned about Jesus being “foreknown”. What is the relation between His being foreknown, and our being foreknown?
 - b. Read the following verses, and discuss how the destiny of believers is tied to Christ.
 - Ephesians 1:4
 - Ephesians 1:11
 - Ephesians 1:4-5
 - 2 Timothy 1:9
 - c. What is a repeating phrase in these verses?
4. On Sunday we learned about God’s big plan for us, and the world.
 - a. Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-28.
 - What is God’s “big plan” for the world?
 - How does it become “for us”?
 - What are the benefits to those who are in Christ?
 - b. How do the following verses add to the idea that Christ’s glory becomes “for us”, and how that happens?
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:12
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14
 - Matthew 13:43
 - Romans 8:28-29
5. What are steps you can take this week to “live large” with our minds set on God’s plan for us this week? What could it look like to invite others into this glorious plan? Pray for one another, that Christ would give strength, and faith for this mission as you go into your weeks.