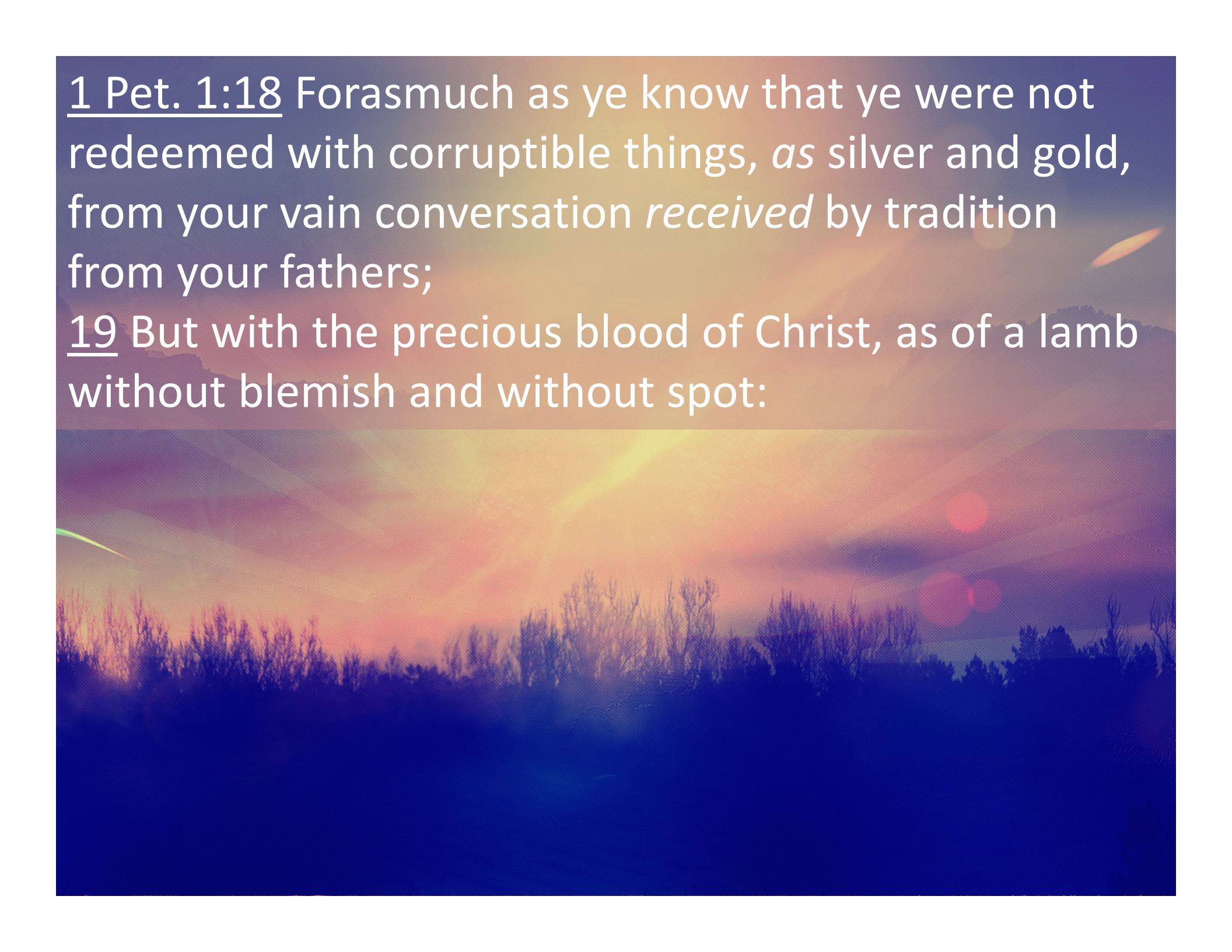


A sunset scene with a large sun partially obscured by a dark, semi-transparent horizontal band. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. Below the band, a body of water reflects the sunset colors, with a dark, silhouetted shoreline of trees and bushes in the foreground.

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

1 Pet. 1:18-19

“Renewing an appreciation for the value of redemption.”



1 Pet. 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:



Review

Our theme this year is...

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

Before the COVID challenge, we had been considering...

“Rekindling a Lively Hope”



I. THE QUESTION OF SALVATION, 1:5-8

A. We Have An Expectant Hope

B. We Have An Experiential Faith, 1:5-7

C. We Have An Expressive Love, 1:8-9

II. THE QUESTION OF SCRIPTURE, 1:9-12

A. As to its Message, 1:9

B. As to its Mystery, 1:10-11

C. As to its Majesty, 1:12

III. THE QUESTION OF SANCTIFICATION, 1:13-16

A. The Character of God, 1:13-17

1. His Fatherly Character, 1:13-16

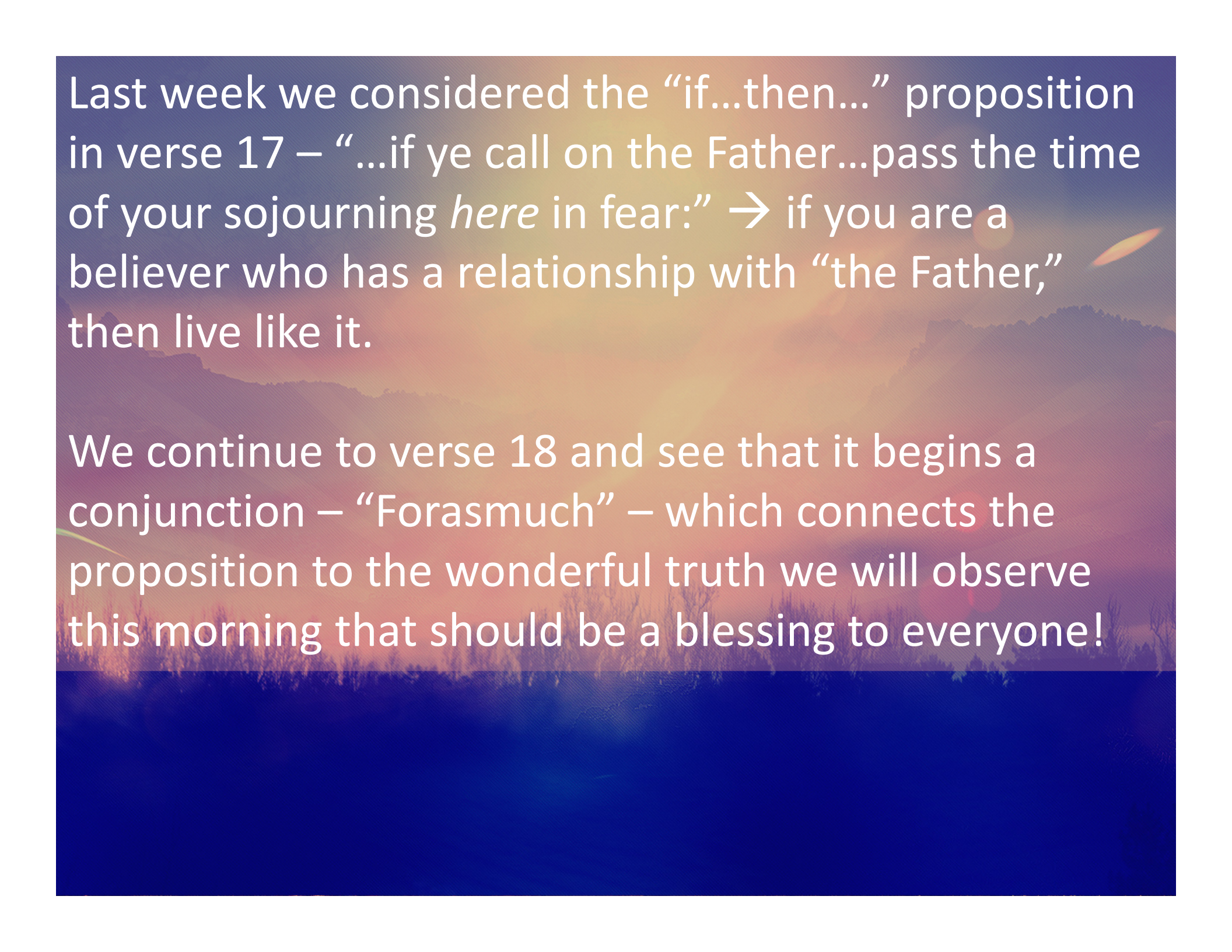
2. His Fearful Character, 1:17

a. We May Approach Him, 1:17a

b. We Must Apprehend Him, 1:17b-c

(1) How Impartial is His Nature, 1:17b

(2) How Imperative is Our Need, 1:17c

A scenic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. In the background, there are mountains. In the foreground, there is a field of tall grasses or reeds. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Last week we considered the “if...then...” proposition in verse 17 – “...if ye call on the Father...pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear:” → if you are a believer who has a relationship with “the Father,” then live like it.

We continue to verse 18 and see that it begins a conjunction – “Forasmuch” – which connects the proposition to the wonderful truth we will observe this morning that should be a blessing to everyone!

Original Word: ὅτι

Part of Speech: Conjunction

Transliteration: hoti

Definition: that, because

Usage: that, since, because; may introduce direct discourse.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3754.htm>

- In order to appreciate the blessing of being a Christian, a believer needs to renew and appreciate for the value of redemption. We begin with “The Cross of Christ.”

B. The Cross of Christ, 1:18-21

- When we take a good look at salvation, we must connect the price of redemption with the cross of Christ.

2 Cor. 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, **though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.**

1. The Price of Redemption, 1:18-19

a. An Insufficient Offer, 1:18

(1) An Inadequate Medium of Exchange,
1:18a “Forasmuch as ye know that ye
were not redeemed with corruptible
things, *as* silver and gold...”

- The conjunction, “Forasmuch” is followed by a strong fact of clarity – “...as ye know...”

Original Word: οἶδα

Transliteration: eidó

Definition: be aware, behold, consider, perceive

Usage: I know, remember, appreciate.

eídō ("seeing that becomes knowing") then is a gateway to grasp spiritual truth (reality) from a physical plane. (*eídō*) then is physical seeing (sight) which should be the constant bridge to mental and spiritual seeing (*comprehension*).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1492.htm>

- “Forasmuch as ye know...” = the believer has intrinsic knowledge and understanding of what it means to be “redeemed.”
- “Redeemed” implies a guilty person (mankind) in bondage (by sin) who is “set free” by a Redeemer (the Lord Jesus Christ.)

Original Word: λυτρόω

Transliteration: lutroó

Definition: to release by paying a ransom, to redeem

Usage: I release on receipt of ransom; mid: I redeem, release by paying ransom, liberate.

lytróō (cognate with *lytron*, "a ransom-price") – **properly, to release (set free) by paying the full ransom;**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3084.htm>

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might **redeem** us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to **give his life a ransom** for many. (Mt. 20:28)

Ransom = the price for redeeming, ransom (λύτρον)

- Any representative first-century church would have three kinds of members: slaves, freemen [those who had never been slaves], and freed men.

- People became slaves in various ways— through war, bankruptcy, sale by themselves, sale by parents, or by birth.
- Slaves normally could look forward to freedom after a certain period of service and often after the payment of a price. Money to buy his freedom could be earned by the slave in his spare time or by doing more than his owner required.
- Often the price could be provided by someone else. By the payment of a price, a person could be set free from his bondage or servitude.

- A freed man was a person who formerly had been a slave but was now redeemed.
- The source of redemption is NOT from the corruptible natural elements like silver and gold.
- Such deliverance is from an empty life of tradition.

(2) An Inadequate Means of Escape, 1:18b
“...from your vain conversation *received*
by tradition from your fathers;”

- In speaking of redemption, Peter always emphasized our freedom from a previously sinful lifestyle for the purpose of living a changed life here and now.
- The word "vain" means futile or powerless.

Original Word: μάταιος

Transliteration: mataios

Definition: vain, useless, futile

Usage: vain, unreal, ineffectual, unproductive; practically: godless.

mátaios (an adjective derived from *mátēn*, "without purpose or ground") – **properly, aimless (vain), without purpose**; <https://biblehub.com/greek/3152.htm>

Mark 7:9 And he said unto them, **Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. ...**

13 **Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition**, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Original Word: ἀναστροφή

Transliteration: anastrophé

Definition: behavior, conduct

Usage: dealing with other men, conduct, life, behavior, manner of life.

anastrophé -- **properly, change of outward *behavior* from an "up-turn" of inner beliefs** (presuppositions, etc.).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/391.htm>

1 Pet. 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of **conversation**; .

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain **conversation** *received* by tradition from your fathers;

- Basic Christianity is knowing what salvation is, and how it changes lives.

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

b. An Infinite Offer, 1:19

(1) Its Inestimable Value, 1:19a “But with the precious blood of Christ...”

- Jesus Christ's life, represented by the "precious blood," is of infinitely greater value than any mere metal ("silver or gold"), as precious as that metal may be.
- The Greek word “precious” has a two-fold meaning – “costly” in the sense of value, and “highly esteemed or held in honor.”

Original Word: τίμιος

Transliteration: timios

Definition: valued, precious

Usage: of great price, precious, honored.

tímios (an adjective) – properly, valuable as having *recognized value* in the eyes of the beholder.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5093.htm>

- The inherit value is precious, and it is precious to the believer.

1 Pet. 2:7a “Unto you therefore which believe *he is precious...*”

- Understanding the value of the cross has a tremendous impact on the life of a believer:

Gal. 6:14 But **God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.**

Gal. 6:17 From henceforth **let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.**

- The shedding of blood is connected to redemption and remission of sin, as well as the personal “purchase” of a Scriptural church.

Heb. 9:22b "...and **without shedding of blood is no remission.**"

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed **the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**

(2) In Inexpressible Virtue, 1:19b "...as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"

- The Lamb of God came to die, lived a sinless life, and gave Himself for us.

Ex. 12:5 Your lamb shall **be without blemish**, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats:

Jn. 18:38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, **I find in him no fault at all.**

Jn. 19:4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, **that ye may know that I find no fault in him. ...**

6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify *him*. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify *him*: for **I find no fault in him.**

Summary

These verses contains five reasons for reverence to the Lord:

(1) Sinners may call upon the Lord, and know Him as “Father.”

(2) As a “sojourner” in this world, life is lived in the shadow of eternity, with an understanding of the importance of temporal decisions in light of eternity.

(3) The believer goes to God, knows Him as Father, but realizes He is the Judge who is impartial, and there is a day of “reckoning” with gain or loss of rewards dependent upon the quality of love exhibited toward the Savior.

(4) The believer must live a life of reverence as a respect to its value, that the Lord Jesus Christ left heaven, endured the cross, and was resurrected for mankind.

(5) The believer cannot squander a life that was ransomed at so great a price, the death of the Son of God. There is an incalculable obligation upon a man whose life cost so much.

1 Cor. 6:20 **For ye are bought with a price:** therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.** (1 Cor. 7:23)

Conclusion

2 Cor. 5:20 Now then **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For **he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**