

The Epistle of First Peter

"Who Is Christ?"

1 Peter 1:19-21

Introduction:

1. The identity of Christ is no mystery to the student of the Bible.
2. Characterizations of our Lord are brought to the fore by Peter as an issue of the glorious reasons for living a holy life.
3. The redemption provided in Christ is a strong reason for living a holy life. But the reason it is strong is that there is a wonderful PERSON Who accomplished that redemption.
4. Give full attention to who Christ is:

1. He is the annointed of God, v. 19.

As the Anointed of God, He offered:

- a. His blood. This connotes His death.
- b. His precious blood. This details the intrinsic value of His death.

2. He is the lamb of God, v. 19.

The whole Old Testament story of Ex. 12 comes to mind. As the Lamb He is:

- a. Without blemish.
- b. Without spot.

3. He is the appointed of God, v. 20.

Here is something which antedates creation. This is before Gen. 1:1. The word used here in the Greek only occurs four times in the New Testament, cf. 1 Pet. 1:2; Jn. 17:24; Eph. 1:4.

4. He is the incarnate of God, v. 20.

The Godhead is a unity, yet a plurality. The incarnation of Christ is inexplicable. It was, however:

- a. Visible,
- b. Timed,
- c. Purposed.

5. He is the resurrected of God, v. 21.

The tense of the Greek verb employed points to an historical fact. This is not visionary nor fanciful. The terrific force of the redemption is noted--completed through a physical resurrection.

6. He is the exalted of God, v. 21.

This is the ongoing of resurrection. This exaltation of the Lord is:

- a. Given.
- b. Glory.

7. He is the mediatory of God, v. 21.

There is not one ounce of doubt here. Christ is the single agency to God. Peter preached this truth--cf. Acts 10:43. Paul wrote about it, too--1 Tim. 2:5.

Conclusion:

As far as God is concerned, Christ is the peer of all. He outshines the brightest star in the universe. Christ is Lord of lords. Who is Christ to YOU? What He is to others will never affect your personal relationship to God. Make HIM YOUR Saviour tonight!