



### 1.) The great **DAY** of Christ is coming (v. 17a).

- Far better than having the treasures of earth is being treasured by God.
- *"The day when God will make up His treasured possession is the Day of our Lord's return (Malachi 4:1, Matthew 24:29-31).*

### 2.) The great **DELIVERANCE** of Christ has come (v. 17b).

- Because our sins have separated us from God, we were excluded from the forever family of God (Ephesians 2:1-3).
- We can become God's treasured possession because God will save His people *"as a man spares a son who serves Him."*
- **What God communicates here is a LITERAL description of salvation in Christ.**
  - This does not mean that God will spare us from death (Hebrews 9:27, John 16:33, Peter 5:10)
  - Better than bypassing death, the Father resurrected His Son with eternal authority over the grave (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).
  - Though we die, we shall live, because God will redeem His people in the same way that He has spared His Son who serves Him (Romans 8:10-11).
- **Much more than saving LIKE He spared Christ, God is saving us AS His Son**
  - The astonishing spiritual reality of salvation is that by faith in Christ, we become one with God the Son (Romans 6:3-5, 1 John 4:13).
  - Because we have been made one with the Son, Christ's death and resurrection are our death and resurrection as well.
  - If we are connected to His body by faith, then God has literally saved us just as He spared His own Son who serves Him.

### 3.) The great **DISTINCTION** is Christ alone (v. 18).

- The great and eternal distinction between the condemned and the redeemed is Christ and only Christ.
- Apart from Jesus, there is no meaningful distinction between us and anyone else, for we all land squarely in the camp of evildoers (Romans 3:10-18).

- There is righteousness on earth, but it exists only in Jesus (1 Corinthians 1:30).
- When God looks at us, He sees us as His treasured possession because He sees *in us* His beloved Son.
- When our days on earth are through, God will spare us from the grave because we are united to the resurrected Christ.

### The Lord's Supper

- The Lord's Supper is a powerful reminder that every nuance of our hope springs from our **UNION** to Christ.
- Union with Christ is the basis of our hope and salvation, and the Lord's Supper is a recurring picture of and participation in our blessed oneness with Christ.