

1 Peter 1:18 says Christians have been redeemed “from the empty way of life” handed down from our ancestors. This may sound like merely an unfulfilling or purposeless life. What it means is heavier: a life empty or devoid of *God*. In other words, a Godless, doomed life that leads to eternal death.

We need a redeemer, and God has provided his Son.

I. Redeemed

- a. To be released on receipt of ransom
- b. From eternal damnation and empty daily existence
- c. Solomon knew the God-filled life, and the empty life

1. To be *redeemed* from the “empty way of life”—the Godless existence that leads to death—a *ransom* is required.

II. The Precious Blood of Christ

- a. Consider ways we’d deal with sin *without* Jesus’ blood
- b. But why *blood*?
- c. And why not animal blood? Or your blood or mine?
- d. How could God bleed? (Acts 20:28)

III. A Lamb without Blemish or Defect

- a. Why a Lamb? Some Old Testament types.
- b. New Testament references to Jesus as the Lamb

*I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
From the curse to set me free.*

*Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.*