

**1 Peter 1:18-21**

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**Encouraged by  
our Confidence  
in God**



# Introduction

- Confidence not in ourselves
- Self-confidence can lead to pride
- Judgmentalism and religious pride
- Encouraged by confidence in what God is doing for us in Christ!
- Designed to keep us faithful and encouraged



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For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ,



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a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.





# Confidence in God's Redemption

- “You were redeemed”  
(Titus 2:14; Luke 24:21)
- “Knowing’—goes back to  
earlier time
- Perishable—silver & gold
- Futile manner of life
- Handed down from your  
fathers
- Empty tradition



# Confidence in the precious blood of Christ

- But by means of the precious blood
- Different set of a value/significance
- Lamb without blemish, spot=OT
- Blood=sacrifice, price paid, sin that sinful!
- What Christ did—1:2
- Rom.3:25; Eph.2:3; 1 Cor.10:16



## Confidence in God's plan before the creation of the world

- “Having been foreknown”—stands now in the present as part of God's eternal plan
- Includes human free-will & choice
- Before foundation of the world
- Ephesians 1:4
- Conveys careful planning
- Revealed in these last times for you



# Confidence in the Glorified Christ

- “through Christ” we believe in God
- God raised him up—sovereign act
- Up out of the dead!
- Having given Him glory
- His glory contrasted with earthly glory—Matthew 4:8
- 5:10—His eternal glory in Christ





# Confidence in God through faith and hope

- Consequently, so that
- Your faith—  
fundamentally in Christ  
(belief, trust, obedience,  
transform)
- Your hope—  
fundamentally in Christ  
(expectation, future  
reality, destiny)
- “To be in God”—present  
& future!



# Conclusion

## Encouraged by our Confidence in God

- In God's redemption
- In precious blood of Christ
- In God's plan from the beginning
- In the Glorified Christ
- Through faith and hope

