

# The Cost of Our Redemption

## 1 Peter 1:18-25

### 1. Redemption Through Christ's Sacrifice

**Verses 18-19:** "Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."

- **Ransomed (Lytroo):** This Greek term means "to release after paying a ransom," often used in the context of freeing prisoners or slaves.
- **Cost of Sin:** Sin offends God's holiness and demands a penalty—death. Christ's sacrificial death paid this price.
- **Futile Ways:** Life apart from Christ is described as futile and empty, echoing the sentiment in Romans 6:6 and Matthew 16:26.

#### Supporting Scriptures:

- **Romans 6:6:** Our old self was crucified with Christ, freeing us from sin's enslavement.
  - **Matthew 16:26:** Gaining the world means nothing if it results in the loss of our soul.
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### 2. Christ Was Always the Plan

**Verses 20-21:** "He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God."

- **Foreknown and Manifest:** Christ's coming was part of God's eternal plan, not a reaction to sin. He was revealed in history to accomplish our redemption.
- **Resurrection and Glory:** Christ's resurrection confirms His divine nature and our hope in His victory and lordship.

#### Supporting Scriptures:

- **Ephesians 1:4-5:** God chose us in Christ before the world's creation, predestining us for adoption through Jesus.
  - **Philippians 2:9-11:** God exalted Christ after His humble obedience unto death, affirming His lordship.
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### 3. Call to Brotherly Love and Obedience

**Verse 22:** “Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.”

- **Purified Souls:** Believers are called to live in purity, achieved through obedience to the truth.
- **Sincere Love:** Genuine love for others is a hallmark of true discipleship, as emphasized by Jesus in John 13:35.

#### Supporting Scriptures:

- **John 13:35:** Love for one another is the identifying mark of Jesus’ disciples.
  - **1 John 3:18:** We should love not just with words but with actions and truth.
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### 4. The Imperishable Word of God

**Verses 23-25:** “Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for ‘All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.’ And this word is the good news that was preached to you.”

- **Imperishable Seed:** Our new life in Christ is birthed through the enduring, unchanging word of God.
- **Enduring Word:** Unlike transient human achievements, God's word is eternal and powerful, a foundation for faith and life.

#### Supporting Scriptures:

- **Hebrews 4:12:** God's word is alive and active, discerning thoughts and intentions.
  - **Isaiah 40:8:** The word of God endures forever, in contrast to the fleeting nature of human life.
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### Questions

1. How does the concept of being ransomed (Lytroo) deepen our understanding of the cost of our salvation, and how does this influence our daily lives?
2. Why does Peter emphasize the futility of the ways inherited from our forefathers, and how does Matthew 16:26 further illuminate the emptiness of worldly pursuits without Christ?

3. How does understanding that Christ was "foreknown before the foundation of the world" shape our view of God's plan for redemption and our role in it?
4. Look at 1 Peter 1:20-21 and relate it to Ephesians 1:4-5. How do these passages together deepen our appreciation of God's sovereign plan and Christ's preeminence?
5. In what ways can we practically cherish and engage with the living and abiding word of God, especially in a world that often devalues it?
6. Reflect on 1 Peter 1:23-25 and Hebrews 4:12. How do these passages inspire us to keep God's word central in our lives and communities?