

REDEEMED FROM AN EMPTY LIFE

1Pe 1:18 For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom He paid was not mere gold or silver.

*1Pe 1:19 It was the **precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.** [NLT]*

It is a wonderful thing to get a financial inheritance from your ancestors. The fruit of their hard work and labors now come upon you because of your association with them. However, inheritances work in the negative also. Many people inherit an empty, futile, and worthless way of life from their ancestors. It comes upon you because of your association with them. It is not uncommon to see certain negative traits pass down a family line medically but also socially. Many today struggle with a life that seems empty, futile, and that is going nowhere. They are living out the life their ancestors lived for many years. How can someone break free from these generational life patterns and live a different life? The Apostle Peter tells us how we can break free. Peter says we need to **know** something. That is the first step. Once we **know something** then we can **do something** that will make a change! What we need to know is that we have been ransomed and redeemed from the empty life we inherited from our ancestors! The word "ransomed" in the Greek is **lutroo**- *which means to pay a ransom price in order to set one free from slavery.* When we were unsaved we were slaves to our natural inheritance of sin and emptiness we received from our ancestors. However, once we received Christ Jesus as our Savior we were redeemed and ransomed from that old empty life. What was the ransom price that was paid? It was not gold or silver, but it was the precious blood of Jesus Christ! Jesus shed His perfect life blood for us to ransom us out of the curses of our old life. Our deliverance has been paid for, but we must first know about it, and then act upon it! When the slaves were set free by Abraham Lincoln at the end of the Civil War many of the slaves failed to hear about it and therefore many never acted upon it and they remained miserable slaves. Multitudes of Christians today are unaware that a ransom has been paid that has delivered them from sin, bondage, sickness, poverty, and lack. They are living lives that are empty and filled with futility. It seems their life is going nowhere in a hurry in the natural! They are simply living out the lives of their

ancestors! Jesus died to give a different life! We first must know what His blood has obtained for us. It has purchased our freedom from our old empty life! Once we know that we have been redeemed we must stand up and proclaim in faith that we are redeemed. We need to boldly say, **"I am redeemed from sin, sickness, and poverty, by the shed blood of Jesus!"** Some teach that pleading the blood is unscriptural, but they are wrong! To plead the blood means that you make a stand upon what the shed blood has done for you and make a claim to what it has provided. We have a legal covenant right to plead the blood and claim that we are free from sin, habits, sicknesses, poverty, lack, and failure because of the shed blood of Christ!

Because of the shed blood of Christ we have been redeemed from being a sinner and now we are born again as a child of God! We have a new ancestor with a new inheritance! Our new ancestor is our Father God, the creator and sustainer of the universe! We can claim through the shed blood of Christ our old lineage has been broken and we now have a new one!

Eph 1:11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

In Christ and by His shed blood we have obtained a new inheritance. This not only includes health and provision, but also a new way of living that is full of purpose and success. We don't have to live an empty purposeless life any longer! If you are bound to any sin, habit, or fruitlessness it can be broken today by claiming deliverance through the shed blood of Jesus. Once you stand upon the covenant rights of freedom through the shed blood, the Spirit of God will then start moving upon your life to bring forth that deliverance. The Holy Spirit will start revealing lies you have believed and will reveal truth to you that will set you free! The Holy Spirit will move in your life when you place your faith in the Word of God and when you start speaking in line with it.

2Th 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning

chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,

Sanctification of the Spirit is always linked to belief in the truth. We need to meditate on **1 Peter 1:18-19** until we are fully persuaded of its truth. When we line up our confession with it then we will be empowered to start acting in line with it by the Spirit of God. Then the power of our old way of life you inherited from your ancestors will be broken and you will start living the new life that is your new inheritance! You do not have to stay the same any longer. The blood has been shed to free you. It is time to proclaim your freedom and walk free child of God!