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- Calling God your Father means you should honor Him as you would your dad
- We are here only for a little while, and then we will all face judgment

Notes: Religions will not give you special treatment in judgment.

Even though you are away from home, still act in a way that would make your Father proud.

Reverence is respect with awe and fear.

Awe because of how loving He is, Fear because of what He can do.

Healthy fear is good, like fear of getting in a wreck stops people from going crazy on the road.

For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from the fathers, not with perishable things, like silver or gold,

- Before being saved, you only knew to cling to what you had been taught
- Some of those teachings were deeply held for generations

Notes: Redeemed meaning you were enslaved and had to be rescued from the empty way of life.

The empty teachings are pointless, vanity, useless.

They encompass values, social networks, morals, aspirations.

Even the greatest parts of past life inherited from one's non-Christian fathers are futile.

Obviously anything money driven is included in the sense of empty way of life because of the perishable gold and silver reference.

Gold and silver are pretty durable and quite valuable, but still worthless in God's eyes and in regard to salvation.

But with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

- What loving parent would be willing to kill their child for any amount of money
- How much less would God be willing to give up His perfect child

Notes: Draw contrast about the perfection of Christ.

Clinging to the old ways, would make Christ's death look unneeded and even foolish.

Picture a crying mother standing over the grave of a soldier who died for his friends, and someone throws a \$20 on top of the casket and says "That should cover it."

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- God made up His mind that He was going to love you to death, even before you were
- God wanted to show you and the world how much He cared, so He revealed His solution

Notes: This was no accident. God was never being reactive but proactive.

The oldest tradition is the plan of redemption through Christ, even older than any ancestral tradition.

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.

- Salvation and having faith in God can only come through Jesus
- What more proof do you want than to see a dead man live and righteous man get his due glory

Notes: Even though the Christian faith centers around Jesus, God is the ultimate end.