

WHAT HE HAD MADE

1 Peter 1:17-21 (p. 1887)

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such as silver or gold that you were redeemed*

1 Peter 1:18

Strangers have a Father

*Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially,
live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.*

1 Peter 1:17

How have I experienced the Father's impartiality?

Saved from what?

*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 from your forefathers*

1 Peter 1:18-19 (see Ephesians 2:1-10)

What "empty" do I need to leave behind?

Pictures of the atonement

*. . . but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.
He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.*

1 Peter 2:19-20 (see John 1:29)

1) God is the _____ (Genesis 22:14)

God provides my substitute

2) God is the _____ (Genesis 3:9)

God seeks me

3) God is the _____ (John 3:16)

God gives himself for me

The faith part of the story

*Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him,
and so your faith and hope are in God.*

1 Peter 1:21 (go back to John 3:16, just like Augustine!)

1) Election or Image?

2) How do I make God's gift mine? → Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

Q #21. What must you know to live and die in the hope of this comfort?

A. Three things:

first, how great my sin and misery are;

second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;

third, how I am to thank God for such a deliverance.

Further study of 1 Peter

Bob Deffenbaugh's sermons on 1 Peter at <https://bible.org/series/glory-suffering-studies-1-peter>

John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Book II, Section 16.

Alexander Maclaren's introduction to 1 Peter at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mac/1-peter-1.html>
and notes at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mac/1-peter-1.html>

John Calvin quotes St. Augustine on God's love *Institutes*, Book II, chapter 16

4. For this reason Paul says, that God "has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world," (Eph. 1:3, 4). These things are clear and conformable to Scripture, and admirably reconcile the passages in which it is said, that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son," (John 3:16); and yet that it was "when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son," (Rom. 5:10). But to give additional assurance to those who require the authority of the ancient Church, I will quote a passage of Augustine to the same effect:

"Incomprehensible and immutable is the love of God. For it was not after we were reconciled to him by the blood of his Son that he began to love us, but he loved us before the foundation of the world, that with his only begotten Son we too might be sons of God before we were anything at all. Our being reconciled by the death of Christ must not be understood as if the Son reconciled us, in order that the Father, then hating, might begin to love us, but that we were reconciled to him already, loving, though at enmity with us because of sin. To the truth of both propositions we have the attestation of the Apostle, 'God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us,' (Rom. 5:8). Therefore he had this love towards us even when, exercising enmity towards him, we were the workers of iniquity. Accordingly in a manner wondrous and divine, he loved even when he hated us. For he hated us when we were such as he had not made us, and yet because our iniquity had not destroyed his work in every respect, he knew in regard to each one of us, both to hate what we had made, and love what he had made." Such are the words of Augustine (Tract in Jo. 110).