

Living a Hope-Filled Life
Aliens
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1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV) 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,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Jesus gave His life to buy us back from our empty way of life. When we believe this and act like it's true, we will live a hope-filled life.

- **Embrace a new way of thinking**

1 Peter 1:13 (NIV) Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at His coming.

- **Pursue a new lifestyle—Obedience and Holiness**

1 Peter 1:14-16 (NIV) As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.¹⁵ But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;¹⁶ for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

- **Live with a new motivation**

1 Peter 1:17-21 (NIV) Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.¹⁸ 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,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

- **I can live with no fear.**

John Wesley: “Until my work on this earth is done, I am immortal. But when my work for Christ is done... I go to be with Jesus.”

1 Peter 1:22 (NIV) Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart;

- **I am loved to be loving.**

1 Peter 1:23-25 (NIV) For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.²⁴ For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.” And this is the word that was preached to you.

I am going to believe what God says is so, even when it doesn't seem so, so that it might be so, because with God it already is so.