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“Worthy is the Lamb,
 who was slain, to
 receive power and
 wealth and wisdom and
 strength and honor and
 glory and praise!”

I. God’s Control - Rev. 5:1

- A. In Creation Gen. 1
- B. In the Call of Abraham Gen. 12:3
- C. In the Covenant Gen. 15
- D. In Compulsion Eph. 2:4, 8, 16
- E. Cooperation not dependence - Job. 38:4

II. God’s Concern - Rev. 5:2 - 4

- A. Lost and the Hopeless - Eph. 2:1, 3
- B. Grace, Mercy, and Love - Eph. 2:4,5
- C. John wept for the hopelessness of heaven and earth

III. God’s Commission - Rev. 5:5 - 10

- A. Christ suffered and we called to share in His sufferings - I Pet. 4:13
- B. The Word of God compels us:
 1. I Peter 3:15 - Be ready with an answer for the hope
 2. 2 Cor. 5:18 - 21 - We are ambassadors for Christ...
 3. Luke 4:16-18 - Anointed, and sent by the Spirit....
 4. Matt. 28:16 - 20 - Go into all the peoples of the world....
 5. Acts 1 and 2 - To be my witnesses And they proclaimed...

IV. God’s Costly Choice - Rev. 5:11 - 14

- A. The lamb of God slain - marks of death upon him.
- B. The shed blood to purchase (agorazo) all people
- C. The cost of missions and ministry

V. What Shall We Do Then? Our Commitment to:

- A. Outward rather than inward focus.
- B. Reach the unchurched in our community and the world.
- C. To _____ and _____ sacrificially to the work of His kingdom