



Be Holy for I am Holy

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1 Peter 1 v 13-25

13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” 17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 21 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.

22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 24 for

“All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

25 but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Holy – What it Means

- God has no standard outside Himself to be proved holy.
- ‘God’s holiness is His infinite value as the absolutely unique, morally perfect, permanent person that He is and who by grace made Himself accessible — His infinite value as the absolutely unique, morally perfect, permanent Person that He is.’ ~ John Piper
- Us being holy is us bringing our conduct into such a way that we display the infinite value and purity of God.

Gird your loins

- In the eastern area people wore long robes, so when people wanted to walk with pace without interference from their robe, they would tie up their robe at their waist with a belt, according to exodus 12v11.
- A girded mind is one that is strong, composed, cool and ready for action. It is unimpeded by the distraction of human fear or persecution.
~ William MacDonald



Four consistent Perspectives

1. Remember Who owns us/ to Whom we belong
2. Remember that all sin is a violation of a relationship
3. Embrace the positive effects of adversity
4. Remember the covenant of salvation

Jesus Christ is Lord

- We don't make Jesus our Lord, He is Lord, we submit to that. We recognise it by faith and live it out ~ Paul McClarty

❖ **To declare Jesus Christ is Lord is to declare...**

1. His divine identity
2. His absolute authority over everything
3. His exclusive ownership
4. His benevolent and loving rule
5. His divine judgement

Be Holy- Getting Practical

- **In what we think** - Colossians 3:22 – ‘Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.’
- **In what we say** - Ephesians 4:29 says ‘Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.’
- **In what we do** - 1 Corinthians 6:18 – 20 says Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.’