

1 Peter Series “Hopeful to Holy”
1 Peter 1;13-2:3
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1 Peter 1:13-21

13 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. 14 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.”

17 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.

To be saved and secure should lead to activity not passivity.

What does it mean to be holy?

“God is saying more than the importance of being moral, but speaking to things that are clean and unclean, those things that belong to God, those people that are living on his terms, and delighting in him, obeying him, and honoring him.”

“Be holy” how?

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

22 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. 23 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.

2:1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Perhaps the greatest determiner of our holiness is how we love.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

12 May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. 13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

1 John 3:14

14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.

Our hope leads to holiness and a reverent fear.

1 Peter 1:17

17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

Fear of God is not something that sends us running from God, but it is how we come to Him.

1 Peter 1:18-20

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This is the fear, that we would not live in the light of the infinite, costly and holy sacrifice of Jesus.

Grow Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- When you consider faith, how is the Christian mind and intellect valued or devalued compared to feelings or spiritual experiences? Why do you think Peter connects the benefits of God's saving work with minds that are alert? What is the concern regarding a mind that is not alert?
- How is hope and obedience connected? In what way does your understanding of the future make a difference in how you obey presently?
- "Be holy as I am holy." What does it mean for God to be holy? What does it mean for you to also be like that? How do you think you are doing when it comes to growing in holiness? When is that process helped and hindered?
- 1 Peter 1:22 offers an expression of holiness. Is this different than what you first think of when you consider holiness? Why is this such a good example?
- What is "reverent fear?" Read 1 Peter 1:17-20. Discuss the idea that Peter is expressing the fear that we could undervalue the sacrifice of Jesus. What has helped you maintain appropriate awe when considering God's sacrifice for you?

- Share with your Grow Group which aspect is a growth area for you; hope, holiness, or fear? Pray for one another in those areas.