



# 1 Peter 1:13-19

## Hope and Holiness

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<sup>13</sup> Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;

<sup>16</sup> for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."<sup>17</sup> Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. <sup>18</sup> 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 forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

[The Holy Bible: New International Version](#). (1984)

### 1. Hope - A confident expectation in the promises of God

<sup>18</sup> Against all hope (expectations), Abraham in hope (trust) believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

<sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

Romans 4:18-21

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is.

Romans 12:2

I am the Lord, who makes them holy.

Leviticus 22:9,16

I am the Lord, who makes YOU holy.

Leviticus 22:32

### 2. God is who makes something holy, because He is holy

"From the moment a creature becomes aware of God as God and of itself as self, the terrible alternative of choosing God or self for the centre is opened to it. . . We try, when we wake, to lay the new day at God's feet; before we have finished shaving, it becomes our day and God's share in it is felt as a tribute which we must pay out of 'our own' pocket, a deduction from the time which ought, we feel, to be 'our own'."

CS Lewis - The Problem of Pain.

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

**You have been ransomed by God's grace. Therefore, fix your mind on His future grace completely, so that your life can be set apart, holy for His glory.**

"The pattern of holy living cannot be reduced to a limited number of 'holy' actions. God's righteous deeds flow from his holy nature; holiness patterned on him must express transformed hearts. On the one hand, this seems to set an impossible standard: how can we be like the holy God? On the other hand, there is a marvelous simplicity in a holiness patterned on God himself; it does not require encyclopedic grasp of endless directives and prohibitions. It flows from the heart; it's key is love. To be holy is to love the Lord our God with heart, soul, strength and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves."

Edmund Clowney - The Message of 1 Peter

#### Questions to consider this week:

1. How has your understanding of the word "hope" changed after reading these passages?
2. When you hear the phrase "holy person", what comes to mind?
3. What incentives does Peter give for living a holy life? Which of these is most motivating to you?
4. What makes it most difficult for you to live as though you were "re-purposed" and set apart from the typical desires of this world?
5. How can you pray for the hope and holiness Peter talks about in your life this week?