

Series "Living God Gives A Living Hope"
"Pursuit Of Holiness"
1 Peter 1:13-17
Study-4

1 Peter 1:15-16

Holiness – means "wholeness." This word is translated "saint, or saintly;" become holy; it's a process of becoming like Him!

1 Peter 1:1-2:10 – God's Grace and Salvation.

Jesus' parable of the faithful steward – Luke 12:48.

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Result Of Salvation Is Holiness, Which Shows Up In The Lives Of Those Who Have Truly Been Forgiven."

1. Verses 13-14 – Be Hopeful

2. Verses 15-16 – Be Holy

3. Verse 17 – Be Honorable

1. Verses 13-14 – Be Hopeful:

1 Peter 1:13 – "Therefore," – Peter has been encouraging believers that are suffering. Peter starts by declaring to these suffering believers that they have salvation, 1 Peter 1:2-9.

1 Peter 1:10-12 – The prophets predicted salvation, the apostles proclaimed it, and the angels prize it. How can we be bored by it?

The direction of the letter changes as it goes from the indicative (what is true) to the imperative (what we need to do).

Peter Shares 4 Essential's For Holiness:

1. Being Mentally Alert: "prepare your minds for action," – 1 Peter 1:13 – (NKJV) "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind," – The robes of irrelevant thought; "pull yourself together."

Exodus 12:11 – Nothing was to hold them back when it was time to go forward.

Luke 12:35 – "Be dressed in readiness," – Ephesians 6:14.

Mental laziness leads to moral laxity because loose thinking leads to loose living.

2 Corinthians 10:5

Romans 12:2 (NLT2) Transform – “renew, cause to grow, cause to mature”

- 2. Being Clear Headed:** “keep sober in spirit,” – (4:7; 5:8) “keep sober.” Peter is speaking metaphorically; his main concern here is that we don’t live under the influence of the world around us or become intoxicated by our emotions within us. Sober – means to be “clear headed, to keep all our faculties fully operational;” Self-Controlled based on knowledge.

Are you clear-headed and sober minded so that the Savior can call on you for service? Jesus warns us in Luke 12:45-46.

1 Peter 5:8

- 3. Being Assured Of Our Future:** “fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

“fix your hope completely” – to “rest your hope fully;” means “to set your hope completely, totally and utterly on Him.” Hope – refers to “the absolute certainty of future good, sure expectation of a future event. It’s the idea of eager expectation,” Romans 4:18.

What are we to set our hope upon? – “on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” – We’re to focus on the grace – “salvation;” when Jesus returns for His Church. Literally, “The grace that is on the way!”

This verse says, “Have complete and perfect confidence in the fact that your full glorification is on the way and will be finally realized when Jesus comes for His Church”

2 Timothy 3:1-5; Titus 2:13-14; 2 Peter 3:3

1 John 3:3; 1 John 2:28

1 Peter 1:14

- 4. Living To Please Our Heavenly Father:** “As obedient children,” – Peter uses the natural, everyday relationship with that of a child; “obedient” used 4X (1:2,14,22; 3:6); means to “hear under.” It’s a picture of submitting and serving someone in authority over us, which Peter is referring to God the Father, John 14:21.

Colossians 2:20-23

Don't Live Like You Use To Live: "do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,"

"conformed" – means "to fit into a mold; to pattern one's life and actions after another," Romans 12:2 (NLT2).

"to the former lusts" – The word "lusts" refers to "a strong desire to do or secure something," James 1:14-16.

"which were yours in your ignorance," – mostly Gentile converts that were ignorant of God's Law.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT2)

2. Verses 15-16 – Be Holy:

1 Peter 1:15 – "but like the Holy One" – The word "but" indicates a contrast. We need to be hopeful by "Being Mentally Alert" and by living "Clear-Headed Lives." But there's more than that.

"like" – or "just as;" the idea of moral conformity to a model; "the Holy One" – God is the standard for Christian holiness.

"the Holy One who called you," – The initiator of salvation! God called us.

The "Holiness" of God is the only attribute that is elevated to the third degree. "Holy, Holy, Holy," is quoted 2X.

Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8

"Holy" – "sacred, separateness, consecration, dedication." To be whole.

"be" – or better "become." Holiness is a process by which we become like Jesus Christ. It is yielding to the Holy Spirit, it is saying no to self and what we want.

"holy" – is also translated "saint" or "saintly" or "one who is worthy of admiration, worthy of praise."

"in all your behavior;" – J.B. Phillips, "Be holy in every department of your life." 1 Peter 1:15 (NLT2)

1 Peter 1:16 – “because it is written,” – this is the first quotation of the OT in 1 Peter. “it is written,” – implies acceptance as sacred and authoritative, “it stands written;” the permanence of Scripture!

Leviticus 11:44; Leviticus 19:2; 20:7

“YOU SHALL BE HOLY,” – This is a Command, this is God’s will! “FOR I AM HOLY.” – The reason to be holy is because God is holy.

3. Verse 17 – Be Honorable:

1 Peter 1:17 – “If you address as Father”

“the One who impartially judges according to each one’s work,” –
1 Peter 1:15.

1 Corinthians 3:13

“conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth;” –
2 Corinthians 7:1

Romans 14:12; 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

Application:

1. Being Mentally Alert; Mental Laziness Leads To Moral Laxity Because Loose Thinking Leads To Loose Living.
2. Are We Clear-Headed And Sober Minded So That The Savior Can Call On Us For His Service?

Leonard Ravenhill said, “The greatest miracle that God can do today is to take an unholy man out of an unholy world and make him holy... and then put him back into that unholy world, and keep him there.”