



Be Holy

I Pt. 1:13 – 2:3

Holy means:

Set Apart

1 Peter 2:9





Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself, the Lord will hear when I call to him

--- Ps. 4:3

I. The Importance of



Let's read our Text: 1 Pt. 1:13 – 2:3,

“Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance;

¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, "*Be holy, for I am holy.*"

II. Fear of God, Produces Holiness



¹⁷ And if you call on the Father,
who without partiality judges according
to each one's work, conduct yourselves
throughout the time of your stay *here* in
fear; ¹⁸ knowing that you were not
redeemed with corruptible things, *like*
silver or gold, from your aimless conduct
received by tradition from your fathers,

¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. ²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you ²¹ who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gratitude for the past & hope for the future are motivations to Holiness & so is Reverent Fear.

O.T. passages that speak of Fear of God

- Prov. 16:6, “through the fear of the Lord a man avoids evil.”
- Ps. 111:10, “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”
- Ecc. 12:13, “fear God & keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.”

- Jesus spoke of fearing God in Mt. 10:28, “do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”
- This fear of the Lord God, grows out of reverence rather than terror.

We fear our God because we know he will judge our works “without respect of person” Vs. 17

Hebs 10:26-29, “For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
²⁷ but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

²⁸ Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing & insulted the Spirit of grace?

III. A Fruit of Holiness: Brotherly Love



²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, ²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

²⁴ because *"All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away,*
²⁵ *But the word of the LORD endures forever."* Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

IV. Working Out Our Own Salvation



1 Peter 2:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

Some definitions that might help us understand the text:

- Malice is a broad word which embraces all wickedness in the world.
- Deceit refers to false or deceptive behavior; it embraces anything which is intended to deceive or take advantage of another person.

- Hypocrisy is from a word which means playing a part or acting; it includes all words and deeds which do not express one's true feelings.
- Envy is the feeling of unhappiness which comes to one who selfishly begrudges another's fortune
 - Slander is a wicked use of the tongue against another's reputation; it is speaking against another so as to hurt them.

Holiness shows itself in brotherly love and all these sinful things are working against and polluting the life of the one practicing them.

Conclusion:



- Christians are not special because of who we are but of whose we are.
- We are special because of the One to whom we belong, and that is Jesus the Christ.

The challenge to holiness is a powerful motivation in a Christian's life.



- It is not that we want to be different from others, but that we want to be like Jesus.
- When you look at yourself, do you see more of the world or more of Jesus the Christ?

- **Our Faith & Obedience to Jesus the Christ brings about this lasting change.**

- **The daily challenge of living a holy life Dedicated to God is motivated by the promise of Eternal Rewards in Heaven.**