

“BE YE HOLY”

1 Peter 1:13-16

Introduction:

God has called us to be Holy in all we say, do and think. We are to “do all to the Glory of God” (1 Cor 10:31). Glory is to praise and honor God.

- I. Preparing Our Minds for Action (v. 13a)**
“Gird up the loins of your mind”
 - A. This means to gather up all loose thoughts; to gird up your mind and thoughts.**
 - B. The Believers were suffering terrible persecution –**
 - C. Peter is not talking about a garment made of material**

- II. Exercising Self-Control (v. 13b)**
 - A. Things that can intoxicate our minds and render us useless in serving God.**
 - B. We must be spiritually alert and watchful**
 - C. Things that will hinder our relationship with God:**

- III. Setting our Hope on Christ’s Return (v. 13c)**
 - A. Hope to the end for the grace and salvation of God. Our hope must be kept alive.**
 - B. There is a dead hope – those hoping to be accepted by God.**
 - C. Jesus is Alive and Well. He promised to return for His church.**
 - D. Keep the Hope – the glorious day is coming**

- IV. “Being Obedient Children” (v. 14)**

We are to be obedient children

 - A. Holiness requires that we obey God’s commands.**
 - B. Jesus Himself was “obedient unto death, even death on the cross” (Phil 2:8).**
 - C. For Christians, the act of taking up our Cross and following Christ means obedience (Matt 16:24).**
 - D. Jesus said, “If you love me, keep my commandment (John 14:15).**
 - E. Do not conform to the evil world**

- V. Focusing on Holiness (vv. 15-16)**
 - A. The Believer is to be Holy**
 - B. Three Reasons why Christians are to live Holy Lives**

Conclusion:

A. Holiness unto the Lord

“Called unto holiness,” church of our God, Purchase of Jesus, redeemed by His blood;
Called from the world and its idols to flee, Called from the bondage of sin to be free.

“Called unto holiness,” children of light, Walking with Jesus in garments of white;
Raiment unsullied, nor tarnished with sin; God’s Holy Spirit abiding within.

B. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).