

MOTIVES FOR LIVING GODLY LIVES

1 Peter 1:13-21

INTRODUCTION:

In verse 13, Peter shifts to Motives for Living Godly Lives. Salvation and Eternal Life is what motivates Believers to live Godly lives – Imitate Christ – Live for Christ.

- ¹⁵ But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
¹⁶ Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

We will study four Motives for Living Godly Lives:

- I. **THE BLESSED HOPE** (vv. 13-14)
 - A. The Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13; 1 Thess 4:17)
 - B. “Gird Up The Loins Of Your Mind” (v. 13a; Phil 2:5; 4:8)
 - C. “Be Sober” (v. 13b)
 - D. “Hope to the End ...” (v. 13c; Rom 8:24; Col 1:5)
 - E. Be “Obedient Children” (v. 14a)
 - F. Avoid “Fashioning Yourselves ...” (v. 14b)

- II. **THE CHARACTER OF GOD** (vv. 15-16; 1 John 3:9)
 - A. The Bible teaches that, while in the flesh, we will always struggle with a sin nature (Rom 7:14-24; 1 John 1:8-10).
 - B. Reason Why Believers are to Live Holy Lives (v. 15-16; 1 Thess 4:7)

- III. **THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD** (v. 17)
 - A. Every Person is Going to be Judged
 - B. It is the Work of Each Person that Will Be Judged (Matt 7:21-23; John 10:14; 2 Tim 2:19)
 - C. God Will Judge Without Partiality
 - D. **The Two Judgments**
 1. **Bema Seat Judgment** – This judgment is for Believers (2 Cor 5:10; Rom 14:10-12)
 2. **Great White Throne Judgment** – This judgment is for Unbelievers (Rev 20:11-15).

- IV. **THE HIGH COST OF REDEMPTION** (vv. 18-21)
 - A. Believers are motivated by the knowledge that they were ransomed (price paid) not with “silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Jesus.” (John 1:29)
 - B. The Resurrection and Glory of Jesus (v. 21)

CONCLUSION:

- A. Motives for Living Godly Lives: The Blessed Hope; The Character of God; The Judgment of God; and The High Cost of Redemption.
- B. Believers are to be Holy every moment of every day! It is a lifestyle, not an occasional occurrence.
- C. Living Holy Lives is a family trait of God’s people (The Church)!
- D. ABC’s of Salvation

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