

Be Holy

1 Peter 1:13-23

¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ 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 ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

- We know God is holy. The spiritual beings closest to God worship him as recorded in the Old Testament (Isaiah 6) and New Testament (Revelation 4) in saying “**holy, holy, holy**” – a way of saying that he is perfectly holy. What are God’s holy qualities?
- Peter writes “**be holy in all you do.**” (1 Peter 1:15) Is it possible for us to be holy? How?
- The writer of Hebrews says “**And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**” Heb. 10:10. Holiness implies being “set apart” or separated for God. We have been “made” holy by his grace. How does (should) that impact how we live? What we say? What we do?
- Followers of Christ are redeemed and made holy by the body and blood of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:19). Have you committed yourself to be holy? Do you need to make changes in your life so that you can live a holy life?
- In your prayers this week, ask God to examine you (Psalm 139) and show you where you are living in an unholy manner. Then confess and repent – Through his Holy Spirit he will help you live the holy, set-apart life you are called to.