



## "A Life Transformed by a Holy God"

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**The Big Idea:** Peter teaches us that our living hope, our great salvation does not simply impact our **future**; it is to mark the way we live **today**.

### 3 Historic Approaches to Dealing with "The World"

- ✓ Hermits
- ✓ Monks
- ✓ Utopians

### Contemporary Attempts at Holiness

- ✓ Modern Day Pharisees: Radical **separation** & maximum **effort**
- ✓ Modern Day Zealots: The angry **activists**
- ✓ Modern Day Monks: Reflective **loners**
- ✓ Modern Day Samsons: Power without **Godliness**

Biblically, Christians are called to ...

- ✓ Live a distinctively different kind of life than the world, while **not** withdrawing from the world. That different kind of life is called "holiness".

Leviticus 11:45(ESV)

<sup>45</sup> For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy."

**Definition:** Holy people (and things) simply put, **belong to God**. They are **set apart** for His use. At their core, Christians are called to be different.

- Call of Scripture is that we are to live what we have **already** become (since we belong to God). It is not that we start trying to become something we are **not**.

### Peter 1:13-21 (ESV)

**1** <sup>13</sup> **Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

"Therefore" → because of what was just said. Peter offers us the **logical** basis for a challenge he is about to deliver.

Literally, "gird up the loins of your mind"

"sober-minded" → **a clear head**

### IMPERATIVE #1 – "Set your hope fully"

- The only hope any of us has is **"grace"**

<sup>14</sup> As obedient children, **do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance**, <sup>15</sup> but **as he who called you is holy, you also be holy** in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." <sup>19</sup> but **with the precious blood of Christ**, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

<sup>20</sup> **He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest** in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him **are believers in God**, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, **so that** your faith and hope are in God.

"ignorance" → literally, **"not knowing"**

### IMPERATIVE #2 – "you also be holy"

- ✓ You **know** some things you didn't used to know.
- ✓ "Holy" conduct is a product of a **relationship** with God.
- ✓ Holiness is rooted in the very **nature** of God.

### IMPERATIVE #3 – "Conduct yourself with fear" → **"reverent fear"**

#### He is the God...

- ☐ Who is both our **Father** and **Judge**
  - It is the fact that God is Judge that should drive us to His **grace**-filled offer to be our Father!
- ☐ Who **ransomed** you from a life of **futility**.

○ **By the blood of Christ**
- ☐ Who **planned** this before our world existed
- ☐ Who gladly **reveals** Himself to us
- ☐ Who did all that was **necessary** for our salvation and faith
- ☐ Who gives us reason for **hope**. Biblically, hope is **confidence**

### How to Be a Christian in a World We're Passing Through:

- (1) Remember, it starts with **spiritual birth**, a gift of God.
- (2) Know that the rest of this life is to be lived out of an understanding that God's Grace makes us different and we are to live in a completely different way **than we could** before. **Christ in you, the hope of Glory!**
- (3) Living Holy can be encouraged by asking 3 questions:
  - We ask, "How will this impact **eternity?**"
  - We ask, "How will this impact **God's reputation?**"
  - We ask, "What does God say to **do in this situation?**"

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"If Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice is too great for me to make for him."

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