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## BEING HOLY IN ALL OUR MANNER OF LIFE

We have emphasized the fact that the first twelve verses of this chapter unveil profound matters on the divine side. Some of these matters are the foreknowledge of God the Father, regeneration unto a living hope, and an inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled, unfading, and kept in the heavens for us. Verses 13 through 25 are mainly concerned with the development of a holy manner of life and brotherly love. These are the issues, the results, of the full salvation of the Triune God.

## GIRDING UP THE LOINS OF OUR MIND

Let us now consider verses 13 through 25 one by one. Verse 13 says, “Therefore girding up the loins of your mind and being sober, set your hope perfectly on the grace being brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” Verses 3 through 12 are one long blessing, or well speaking, concerning God the Father, disclosing to us His marvelous and excellent salvation, beginning from the regeneration of our spirit (v. 3) and consummating in the salvation of our soul (v. 9), accomplished through the sufferings of Christ and His glories (v. 11), and applied to us by the Holy Spirit (v. 12). Based upon this, verse 13 begins an exhortation to those who are participating in the full salvation carried out by the Triune God according to His economy.

## BEING SOBER

In verse 13 Peter also speaks of being sober. To be sober is to be calm and clear in mind, able to realize God’s economy in His salvation, as revealed in verses 3 through 12, without being disturbed by fear, anxiety, or any care.

## SETTING OUR HOPE ON GRACE

In verse 13 Peter also charges us to set our hope perfectly on the grace. This hope is the living hope obtained through regeneration (v. 3). We need to set our living hope perfectly on the grace that is being brought to us at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Surely this grace is not merely unmerited favor. It refers to the salvation of the soul (vv. 5, 9-10), which will be the consummation of God’s full salvation. Grace was brought to us by the Lord’s first coming (John 1:17). It will be consummated by His second coming. On such grace we should set our hope.

Whatever we enjoy of the Lord today is, comparatively speaking, a small portion. In the Bible this is called the foretaste; it is not yet the full taste. This age is an age of foretaste. But when the Lord Jesus comes back, we will enjoy the full taste. While we are enjoying the foretaste, we set our hope on the coming full taste.

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In verse 14 Peter goes on to say, “As children of obedience, do not be fashioned according to the former lusts in your ignorance.” The Greek word rendered “fashioned” is the same as that used in Romans 12:2. It is used here to denote a state that is a path on which God’s elect, as sojourners, walk. We should not be fashioned according to the former lusts. This means that we should not shape ourselves according to them. Formerly, we were ignorant. But now, having become children of obedience, we are knowledgeable.

First Peter 1:15 says, “But according to the Holy One who called you, you yourselves also be holy in all your manner of life.” The Holy One is the Triune God—the choosing Father, the redeeming Son, and the sanctifying Spirit (vv. 1-2). The Father regenerates His elect, imparting His holy nature into them (v. 3); the Son has redeemed them with His blood from the vain manner of life (vv. 18-19); and the Spirit sanctifies them according to the Father’s holy nature, separating them from anything other than God, that they, by the holy nature of the Father, may be holy in all their manner of life, even as holy as God Himself. says, “But according to the Holy One who called you, you yourselves also be holy in all your manner of life.” The Holy One is the Triune God—the choosing Father, the redeeming Son, and the sanctifying Spirit (vv. 1-2). The Father regenerates His elect, imparting His holy nature into them (v. 3); the Son has redeemed them with His blood from the vain manner of life (vv. 18-19); and the Spirit sanctifies them according to the Father’s holy nature, separating them from anything other than God, that they, by the holy nature of the Father, may be holy in all their manner of life, even as holy as God Himself.

In verse 16 Peter gives us the reason we need to be holy: “Because it is written, ‘You shall be holy because I am holy.’” This is a quote from the Pentateuch. In the Pentateuch we are told at least a few times that God’s people should be holy because God Himself is holy.

## THE JUDGMENT OF THE HOLY ONE

In verse 17 Peter continues, “And if you call as Father the One who without respect of persons judges according to each one’s work, pass the time of your sojourning in fear.” In this verse Peter comes to the matter of God’s government, the particular point that he covers in his Epistles. The judgment of God is for the carrying out of His government.

The Holy One, who as the Father has called us, has regenerated us to produce a holy family—a holy Father with holy children.

As holy children, we should walk in a holy manner of life. Otherwise, the Father will become the Judge (4:17) to deal with our unholiness. He begot us with life inwardly that we might have His holy nature. He disciplines us with judgment outwardly that we may partake of His holiness (Heb. 12:9-10). His judgment is according to our work, our conduct, without respect of persons. Hence, we should pass the time of our sojourning in fear. If we call Him our Father, we also should fear Him as our Judge and live a holy life in fear.

#### PASSING THE TIME OF OUR SOJOURNING IN FEAR

In 1 Peter 1:17 Peter urges us to pass the time of our sojourning in fear. This is a holy fear, as in Philippians 2:12. It refers to a healthy, serious caution that leads us to behave holily. Such fear is mentioned a number of times in 1 Peter because this book's teaching concerns the government of God.

Verses 18 and 19 explain why we should pass the time of our sojourning in fear: "Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers, but with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ." Why should we pass the time of our sojourning in fear? Because we know that we have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. It is because we know this that we now pass the time of our sojourning in fear. The point here is that the holy manner of life should issue out from the dear and precious redemption of Christ. explain why we should pass the time of our sojourning in fear: "Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers, but with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ." Why should we pass the time of our sojourning in fear? Because we know that we have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. It is because we know this that we now pass the time of our sojourning in fear. The point here is that the holy manner of life should issue out from the dear and precious redemption of Christ.

Jesus Christ is the only person without mixture and without spot. He does not have any blemishes or wounds. Actually, the words without blemish and without spot are Old Testament terms used with respect to sacrifices offered to God. Any Jews reading the first Epistle of Peter would realize this. Because Peter was writing to Jewish believers, he used terms that were familiar to them. In other words, this verse indicates that Jesus Christ is the real sacrifice to be our sin offering and trespass offering. Christ is the real Passover lamb.

I would encourage you to spend an hour alone with the Lord to consider the precious blood of Christ shed for you on the cross. This will give you the desire to have a holy manner of life in fear. You will want to be holy in all your manner of life and to pass the remaining time of your sojourning in fear. If we would live in this way, we need to realize that we have been redeemed,

bought, purchased, with the high price of Christ's precious blood. This realization will cause us to have a living in a holy manner of life, for we will realize that Christ's precious blood has redeemed us from the vain manner of life. No longer will we want to live in a way that is vain.

A vain manner of life is not necessarily sinful. Rather, in certain respects it may be quite moral. Nevertheless, it is still vain—having no goal, aim, or purpose. Anything without a goal or purpose is vanity. Now we should live a life without any vanity. Everything we do and say should have God's goal in view. This kind of life is weighty and full of content. It is a life with purpose, goal, and aim. Let us all spend time to consider Peter's writing concerning the precious blood of Christ so that in a practical way we may be holy in all our manner of life and pass the time of our sojourning in fear.

(Excerpt from Life Studies of 1 Peter, Message 11&12)

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#### Burdens for Church Prayer

- May our church life and personal life be in the realm of love and light, making our spirit the strongest part of our being in 2025.
- Perfecting young working saints through shepherding
- Saints blending together to build up the Body in love
- Establish a prayer life individually and corporately
- Pursuing truth and growth in life to be in the reality of the kingdom.
- Spreading the kingdom of God by preaching the gospel at WVC campus and community outreach in Pruneyard or neighborhood.
- Pray for the financial needs of FSCC and recurring donations (fremontsprings.org).

#### Announcements

- Life-study of 1 Peter MSG 11, 12.
- HWMR: Living a Christian life and Church life under the Government of God for the Economy of God Week 1
- 3/18 (Tue.) Prayer meeting, 7:45pm, meeting hall.
- 3/28-30 YP conference, FSCC, \$70, deadline:3/16
- 4/12 10am Lessons on small groups with br Minoru, online,  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89326774993?pwd=MkJYVU00RW5qcTV0WmlhNU1NNE5PZz09>
- 4/25-27 English speaking, Alpha house blending.
- 5/2-4 Chinese speaking Alpha house blending.
- 5/17 Gospel meeting in Chinese, Campbell meeting hall
- 6/7 Gospel meeting in English, Campbell meeting hall
- 6/30-7/5 Semiannual training, Registration by 5/1
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