

CONDUCT YOURSELVES WITH FEAR

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1 PETER 1:13-21

English Standard Version (ESV)

13 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. **14** As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, **15** but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, **16** since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” **17** And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, **18** knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. **20** He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you **21** 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.

REVIEW & CONTEXT:

- 1) First Peter was written to “**ELECT EXILES**” to provide hope in the midst of suffering.
- 2) Peter explained that a living hope comes through the work of God’s mercy in Jesus Christ.
- 3) Peter encouraged believers to find **JOY** in the midst of trials through the salvation of their souls.
- 4) Peter stated that prophets studied salvation in Christ and announced it as good news.

It is a **GIFT**, it is great, and it is eternal!

OBSERVATIONS FROM 1 PETER 1:13-21: PETER’S CALL TO ACTION

- 1) Our response and responsibility are ROOTED in salvation. “Therefore”
 - Peter begins and ends with hope.
 - Through Jesus, one can believe and have confidence in God.
 - If you have the salvation of vs. 3-12, **THEN** this is how you should live.
- 2) Our ACTION PLANS for living in view of our salvation are expressed in three commands.
 - **Set your hope on God’s grace.** “Set your hope”
 - » It is a **MINDSET** ready to think of God’s works and obey Him at once.
 - » It is letting your life and heart be governed by the return of Christ.
 - **Be holy in your conduct.** “Be holy”
 - » It is a transformed **HEART** desirous of conforming to His image.
 - » It is letting your life and heart be governed by the standards of God.
 - **Conduct yourselves with fear.** “Conduct yourselves”
 - » It is a **WAY OF LIFE** in which the fear of the Lord drives you to trust and hope in Him.
 - » It is letting your life and heart be governed by God’s oversight.

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OBSERVATIONS FROM 1 PETER 1:17-21: LIVE YOUR LIFE IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD

1. To follow the command you must APPEAL to the Judge as “Father.” (v. 17)

- Appeal to your relationship with the Father.
 - God **LAVISHES** love on his children to give them a new relationship. (1 John 3:1)
 - Receiving Jesus as Lord and believing in Him begins the relationship. (John 1:12)
 - Regularly calling out to God is a **MARK** of a true believer. (Matt. 6:9; 1 Cor. 1:2)
- Appeal to the impartiality of the Judge.
 - No favoritism is shown. **ALL** will stand before Him. (Heb. 9:27)
 - Everyone is accountable to Him. All are held to the same standard. (Rom. 14:10-12)
 - His judgment, based in holiness and **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, should strike fear in us.
- Appeal to the measure of your deeds. (Rom. 2:6; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12)
 - You are not saved **BY** your works but are saved **FOR** good works. (Eph. 2:8-10)
 - You are walking in good works because of the faith God gave us.
 - Your works will be judged. Your works point to the **REALITY** of your faith.

Are you in a Father/child relationship with God? How do you know?
 Does the fact that He is an impartial Judge scare you or give you comfort? Why?
 Does how you do your everyday tasks demonstrate a belief in Christ? How?

2. To follow the command you must UNDERSTAND fear and ADHERE to the duration. (v. 17)

- Understand that Jesus told us his disciples who they should fear. (Luke 12:4-7)
 - The **OBJECT** of your fear matters.
 - In fear, remember the love God has shown you.
- Understand how to describe the fear of the LORD. (Heb. 3:12-14)
 - The fear of the LORD is reverent **AWE OF** and **DEVOTION TO** God.
 - The fear of the LORD is healthy fear of God's displeasure and **DISCIPLINE**.
- Adhere to fear the LORD during your life on earth. (Heb. 11:13-16)
 - You are a **STRANGER** that is not your eternal home.
 - You are a pilgrim living alongside others for a short time.

What is the object of your fear?
 Would others say that you display a reverent awe of God or devotion to Him?
 Does your life demonstrate a healthy fear of the Lord?

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3. To follow the command you must KNOW of your redemption.

(v. 18-21)

- Know what you were redeemed out of...**AN EMPTY LIFE**.
 - A directionless life was given a **PURPOSE**. (2 Tim. 1:9)
 - A sin-filled life passed down from fathers was ransomed for glory. (Rom. 5:12)
- Know what you were redeemed with...**PRECIOUS BLOOD**.
 - The blood was valuable, not perishable but lasting. (Heb. 7:27)
 - The blood was **GOD'S OWN BLOOD**, not from animals but from Jesus. (Acts 20:28)
 - The blood came from the Lamb of God, not tarnished but holy. (John 1:29)
- Know what you were redeemed by...**A PRECISE PLAN**.
 - The plan was in place before the world was created. (Eph. 1:4)
 - The plan was revealed at **THE RIGHT TIME**. (Gal. 4:4)
 - The plan created believers through the work of Jesus. (1 Cor. 15:1-5)
 - The plan was to give **GLORY** to the Son. (John 1:14)
- Know what you were redeemed so that...your **FAITH** and **HOPE** would be in God.
 - Faith is what **GUARDS** you for a salvation revealed. (1 Pet. 1:5)
 - Faith is tested to result in praise, glory, and honor in Jesus. (1 Pet. 1:7)
 - Faith's outcome is the salvation of your souls. (1 Pet. 1:9)
 - Hope caused by being born again is a **LIVING HOPE** in Christ's resurrection. (1 Pet. 1:3)
 - Hope is a new attitude of mind and heart ready for action. (1 Pet. 1:13)

What deliberate ways are fulfilling your purpose of glorifying God?

How does remembering the significance Jesus' sacrifice challenge you?

How does knowing the intentionality of God give you confidence?

As you mature, are your faith and hope in God growing deeper in Him?

PROVERBS 9:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

PROVERBS 14:26-27

**26 In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.
27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, the one may turn away from the snares of death.**