

**INTRODUCTION:**

**1 PETER 1** The trials <sup>1</sup>are diverse; all kinds - "*manifold temptations*" - They prepare us for spiritual growth or help to prevent us from sinning. They are not easy - They produce "*heaviness*" or pain. We must accept the fact that there will be difficult experiences in life. And they are controlled by God - "*for a season.*" The trial of our faith in God is far more valuable than even gold that perishes, but our genuine faith will bring praise and glory and honor to Jesus when He returns again. Peter had been in the company of Jesus for three years. But Peter is writing to people who have never seen Jesus. They loved Jesus without seeing Him and understanding that the purpose of their faith in Jesus is the reward of receiving the salvation for their souls in the end. Just because they trusted and believed on Him, they were able to rejoice with unspeakable and glorious joy; too great for words (**1Pt.1:6-9**).

Their salvation to come was foretold by the prophets. The prophets searched diligently and the Spirit of Christ in them signified and made plain beforehand Christ's suffering, and His glory to come. The prophets ministered these things not to themselves but to others who would preach the gospel in the power of the Holy Ghost to be sent down from heaven. And the things revealed to the prophets weren't revealed to the angels although they desired to know. Peter says **gird up the loins of your mind**, (*prepare your mind for actions and challenges*), **be sober** (exercise self-control; calmness) and **rest your hope fully to the end upon the grace** to be brought at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Don't build your hope on escaping suffering and death, but set your **hope fully upon the confident expectation of God's promised grace.** (**1Pt.1:10-13**).

**LESSON: I. 1 PETER 1:14**

**1<sup>st</sup> Pt.1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:— OBEDIENCE:**

<sup>2</sup>As Christians we are to conduct ourselves as "*obedient children*" - 1Pt. 1:14. We are not to conform to former lusts. The word "*conform*" ("*fashion*" in the KJV) means "*to make or shape (i.e. one's mind and character) to another's pattern.*" The "*former lusts*" refer to the evil desires and behavior in which we once engaged in, and in which the world continues to engage in. Therefore, Peter is saying:

- "*Don't act like you once did, or like those still in the world.*"
- "*Do not adopt their sinful habits, mannerisms, dress, and speech, which you did before you became Christians.*"

The only way to escape temptation is through obedience that comes by continually seeking God's guidance and truth in what is right and wrong. God's truth can convict us, nurture us, and inspire

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.family-times.net/commentary/i-peter-11/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://executableoutlines.com/textual\\_series/1peter/1pe\\_07.html](https://executableoutlines.com/textual_series/1peter/1pe_07.html)

<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-sunday-school.html>



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us just as a parent does with a child. God will lead us away from temptation if we will yield to Him. A mind that is under God's control, results in a life of holiness, not lustfulness – (passions of all kinds). When these passions become your masters or your idols, then they expose you to sin - they take you away from the Lord - they become blatantly sinful. Then, having them in your life is destructive, and far from the holiness in which God commands us to live. What passions in your life are the "have to" kind of things? *"I have to smoke a cigarette. I have to see that movie. I have to have that drink. I have to watch the Super Bowl."* As soon as you "have to" act on that passion, you can be assured that it's become sin. It's a lust which shouldn't be present in your life any longer.

## II. 1 PETER 1:15

### BE YE HOLY:

**1<sup>st</sup> Pt.1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;**— God has called us to know Him and to serve Him. He keeps telling us that He's holy, therefore, we as His people (creation), we too are to be like Him; holy in every manner of our conversation. He has already made us holy because holiness starts in one's relationship with the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. It is closely related to the words "*sanctify*" and "*sanctification*." Sanctification unto holiness begins at the same moment as justification. And it is the progressive, creative, time-consuming work of God within us. To be "*holy*" means that we are "*set apart*" or *dedicated to God*. Reject worldly temptations, for by our godly conduct, a witness is made, showing that God dwells in us. Where there is no holiness, there is no witness to glorify God. God has a standard and His standard is high. It is now up to us to apply holiness to our lives. Embrace God's character and values. Be purposeful in pursuing righteousness by allowing the Holy Spirit to lead you. We are to be holy in all our conduct; our behavior.

## III. 1 PETER 1:16

**1<sup>st</sup> Pt.1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.** This is what God commands in the Bible: "*Be holy because I am holy*" (Leviticus 11:44, 45; 19:2; 20:7, 26). All of which stress the idea of being "*set apart*." If we fill our minds with junk all day long, we'll end up thinking junk. If we fill our minds with scripture, with prayer, with uplifting music, and with edifying conversation, our lives will reflect the difference. We are to **be holy for two reasons:**

- 1. First: 1:15** "*He which hath called you is holy.*" He Himself is "**set apart**" from sin and wickedness. His very nature demands a similar holiness on our part – Heb. 12:14.
- 2. Secondly: 1:16** *It is a written commandment. "Be ye holy; for I am holy"* It is also Jesus' desire that we be holy (He died for this very purpose!) – Eph. 5:25-27

To be holy means *to be completely separate from all sin and evil. It also means to belong to God alone.* God commands Christians to be holy. The Spirit empowers believers to live in a manner that reflects Christ's character. He, the Holy Spirit makes us holy by the sanctification process (1:2). This does not mean that Christians can live their lives completely without sin. This will only happen in heaven. But with God's help they must now try hard to avoid all sin and evil in every part of their lives.

## IV. 1 PETER 1:17

**1<sup>st</sup> Pt.1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:**— Peter has just told





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us that we need to be holy (1Pet. 1:15). Holiness is only perfected in the fear of God. If you're not living a holy life today, it is because of one thing: you don't have a fear of God. It is interesting that so many people call God, "**Father**," and yet don't view Him as a Father, and don't have that fear (reverence). Matthew 10:28 says *"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."* Your strongest defense against the flesh, against evil, against sin, is to fear the Lord. The Father loves us completely, yet disciplines us justly. Peter gives **two reasons for fear**:

1. **First:** In view of the judgment by our Father - 1Pt. 1:17
2. **Second:** In view of the high cost of redemption - 1Pt. 1:18-21

God will not be partial. He will be personal - *"judging according to each one's work."* We will not receive special favors, and no one will escape His discerning eye! We are to fear the God who is both our Father and our judge. Sinners need redemption. Why? – Because, the Lord knew that no man could save himself, because all people were corrupt.

1. They are slaves to sin – Rom. 3:23; Rom. 3:10; Eph. 2:1-3; Jh.8:44.
2. They are lost and separated from God – Is. 59:2
3. They are Hell bound and hopeless apart from Jesus – Ps. 9:17.

The sons of God may call upon Him for help to bring justice to the earth and even to punish the wicked, but He also judges them. His standard for us is holiness, and thus we must conduct ourselves with an awareness of our own weakness and vulnerability to sin. So, we are to conduct ourselves with true godly reverence (fear).

## SUMMARY:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Pt. 1:14 What Not To Do

- *"Don't act like you once did, or like those still in the world."*
- *"Do not adopt their sinful habits, mannerisms, dress, and speech, which you did before you became Christians."*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Pt. 1:15 What To Do

- *He which has called you holy, be ye holy in all manner of conversation.*
- *Be purposeful in pursuing righteousness by allowing the Holy Spirit to lead you.*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Pt. 1:16 Our Motivation

- *Because the written Word says it—"Be ye holy for I am holy!"*
- *The Spirit empowers believers to live in a manner that reflects Christ's character.*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Pt. 1:17 Our Attitude

- *Call on the Father!*
- *Conduct yourselves with true reverence*
  1. **Reason 1:** In view of the judgment by our Father - 1Pt. 1:17
  2. **Reason 2:** In view of the high cost of redemption - 1Pt. 1:18-21