



1 Peter 1:13–21

Holiness in a World of Sinfulness

- I. Holiness can't save us, _____ in Jesus saves us. (I Peter 1:13; Hebrews 12:14; Romans 3:21–26; II Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 64:6; Romans 5:8)
- II. Holiness in a world of sinfulness will require our _____. (I Peter 1:13b; II Corinthians 10:3–5; Philippians 4:8–9; Colossians 3:1–2, 16; Mark 12:30)
- III. Holiness in a world of sinfulness will require us to adopt a _____ . (I Peter 1:13c; Hebrews 11:24–26; Hebrews 12:2)
- IV. Holiness in a world of sinfulness will require obedience to our _____ not conformity to our _____. (I Peter 1:14)
- V. Holiness in a world of sinfulness helps us look like God's _____ to a world that needs to _____ Him. (I Peter 1:15–16; I Peter 2:9–12)
- VI. Holiness in a world of sinfulness ought to be done out of _____, understanding God _____ those He loves and will _____ our faithfulness. (I Peter 1:17; I Corinthians 3:11–15; Ephesians 6:5–8; Revelation 22:12)
- VII. Holiness in a world of sinfulness is _____ given we were redeemed from this _____. (I Peter 1:18a; Numbers 11:1–35)
- VIII. Holiness in a world of sinfulness is appropriate given what it _____ to _____ us. (I Peter 1:18b–21)

Additional Notes:



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

I Peter 1:13-21

1. Peter's call to holiness begins with a "therefore." Why is it important that the call to holy living comes after salvation, not before it? How does this guard us from legalism? (I Peter 1:13)
2. The sermon reminds us that holiness does not save us- faith in Christ does. Why do people so easily reverse that order? Where are you tempted to measure your standing with God by performance? (Romans 5:8)
3. Adrian Rogers said, "Holiness is not the way to Christ; Christ is the way to holiness." How does this statement clarify the relationship between grace and obedience? (II Corinthians 5:21)
4. Peter calls believers to "prepare their minds for action." Why does holiness begin in the mind rather than in behavior? (I Peter 1:13)
5. Scripture calls us to take every thought captive. Today's teaching warns that unguarded thoughts can slowly shape habits, character, and direction. Where have you seen this progression- either toward holiness or toward compromise? (Proverbs 4:23)
6. Jesus endured the cross for the joy set before Him. How does Christ's example reframe suffering, sacrifice, and obedience in your life? (Hebrews 12:2)
7. Moses gave up immediate pleasure because he was "looking ahead to his reward." Why does short-term thinking make holiness harder (I Peter 1:13); and how does keeping eternity in view impact our present day decisions (Hebrews 11:26; I Peter 1:13)?
8. Peter contrasts obedient children with former patterns of ignorance. Why does Scripture frame holiness in terms of family identity, rather than rule-keeping

(I Peter 1:14)? How does remembering God as Father- not just Judge- reshape our motivation for obedience? (Romans 8:15)

9. God commands His people to be holy because He is holy. How does reflecting God's character point others toward Him (I Peter 1:15-16)? Where might God be calling you to live more distinctly- not for attention, but for testimony? (Titus 2:11-14)
10. Scripture teaches that while salvation is a gift, faithfulness is rewarded. How does this motivate obedience without turning it into earning? (I Corinthians 3:14-15)
11. How does remembering that Jesus sees and rewards unseen faithfulness help you persevere in difficult or thankless seasons? (Ephesians 6:7-8)
12. The Israelites longed for Egypt after being delivered. Where do you see similar patterns of spiritual nostalgia in yourself or others (Numbers 11:4-6)? How does remembering what Christ saved you from strengthen your resolve to pursue holiness today? (Galatians 5:1)
13. Peter reminds believers that they were redeemed from futile ways of life. Why are we sometimes tempted to return to what once enslaved us? (I Peter 1:18)
14. Which aspect of holiness challenged you most today: mental discipline, future focus, obedience, or reverence? Why do you think that is? (I Peter 1:13-17)
15. What would a small, faithful step toward holiness look like for you this week- not driven by guilt, but by gratitude for redemption? (I Peter 1:18-19)
16. How can this group pray for one another as we seek to live holy lives in a world running in the opposite direction? (Hebrews 12:14)