

## **“Disciples Will Lead Pure Lives”** (lesson #13)

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{1 Peter 1:1-12 – Walking in hope}  
**1 Peter 1:13-25** – Walking in holiness

It's not easy to stay clean in a polluted world, but Peter shows us what we must consider if we hope to have the character of our God & Father:

Consider:

- 1) **The Glory of God (1:13)**. Pull your thoughts together. Tuck your robe under your belt, so to be free to run. Look for the return of the Lord, which will strengthen your faith & hope in times of difficulty. Be optimistic & look upward when your faith is tried.
- 2) **The Holiness of God (1:14-15)**. Children inherit the nature of the parents. God is our Father, & God is Holy.
- 3) **The Word of God (1:16)**. We do not study the Bible just to know the Bible better, but we study to know the Author better.
- 4) **The Judgment of God (1:17)**. The Father will not wait until the final judgment to assess our lives. He is now interested in whether or not our actions are those of a sojourner like Abraham, or a resident like Lot.
- 5) **The Love of God (1:18-21)**. The highest motive for living. We, like Israel, were slaves in need of redemption. And because of the Love of God, the price has been paid.

1. Pure lives must come of purified souls (vs. 22). Peter makes mention of three things as to how this is accomplished:

a. 1:18-19 – redeemed by

“...**the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish & without spot”

**Ram** redeemed Isaac (Gen 22:13)

**Passover** lamb redeemed Israel (Exo 12)

**Firstborn** redeemed by a lamb (13:11-16).

b. 1:22 – purified in

“...**obeying** the Truth through the Spirit...”

**Purifying** influence never separated from obedience to the will of God.

**Israel** at the Exodus (14:22)

**Israel** at Sinai (19:10)

**Laws** of purification (Num 19:13, 17-18)

c. 1:23 – begotten again through

“...**seed**...incorruptible, through the word of God with lives & abides forever.”

**Israel** was God’s firstborn (Exo 4:22), & **Israel’s firstborn** was God’s (Exo 13:2).

**They** were born again because they were chosen or elect,

**They** were led out of bondage to Egypt,

**They** were baptized into Moses in the cloud & sea, thus separating them from their enemy & former manner of life.

**They** were given the Law to guide them in maintaining their firstborn relationship to God.

2. Discuss girding up loins of your mind (1:13).

**Prepare** the mind for action: obedience in the pursuit of holiness.

3. God's children are referred to as children of obedience & they are not to be conforming to the former lusts, as in your ignorance (1:14).

4. Name some former lusts of these Christians (1 Pet 4:16); members of the house of God (4:17), those who had obeyed the gospel (4:17), people of God (2:10). Find answers in 1 Pet 2:1; 4:3-4.

**Jews** living like Gentiles: in *malice, guile, hypocrisy, envy, evil speaking – licentiousness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, abominable idolatries*.

**Christians** will sometimes follow the same course, when they do not live with “godly fear” & a with desire to be “holy” as God is holy.

5. Name some characteristics of the "holy manner of life." (1 Pet 2:2, 9, 12, 21-22; 3:8-12; 4:8-11).

**Desire** the unadulterated word of God, as a baby takes to milk. **Desire** the word for the purpose of spiritual growth or the practical use of God's word in life. (What was Peter's purpose in adding verse 3 to the sentence of verse 2? (Compare 2 Pet 1:9) – (1 Pet 2:2)

**There** is recognition of ones responsibility among a chosen generation (an elect race) & ones place in a royal priesthood & a holy nation, & that responsibility is to proclaim the praises of God (in prayer, life example & teaching) – (1 Pet 2:9)

**Honorable** conduct – (1 Pet 2:12)

**Faith** & hope in God Who raised Jesus – (1 Pet 2:21)

**Obeying** the truth in sincere & fervent love for saints – (1 Pet 2:22)

**Be** of one mind, have compassion, love as brothers, be tenderhearted & courteous, not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but rather blessing in the same manner that we shall receive a blessing. Seek peace & pursue it – (1 Pet 3:8-12)

**Fervent** love for the saints, proven through hospitality & using our gifts to serve one another – (1 Pet 4:8-11)

## APPLICATION:

1. Are Christians sinners? Discuss in light of (1 Pet 4:17-18; 1 John 1:10; 3:4-9)

**Christians** sin, but Christians do not habitually sin. **They** learn from their previously committed sins how better to prevent it the next time they are tempted.

**Christians** don't resign themselves to any sin; they learn how to overcome every temptation to sin; this they do through knowledge & commitment to God & His word.