

***A Call To
Holy
Living***

1 Peter 1:15-25

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15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

1 Peter 1:15-25 - continued

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

1 Peter 1:15-25 - continued

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Introduction

A. Peter journeyed from defeat to victory

- 1. From denying Lord to declaring the Gospel**
- 2. From pride to pointing others to Christ**
- 3. From wrath to walking as Jesus walked**

Introduction

B. The epistle begins with praise

1 Peter 1:3-5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

I. God Is Holy (1:15)

A. “He which hath called you is holy”

B. God’s holiness is declared throughout the Bible

1. Moses learned that God’s presence is holy

Exodus 3:5-6

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

I. God Is Holy (1:15)

**B. God's holiness is declared throughout the Bible –
continued**

2. Isaiah learned that God's person is holy

Isaiah 6:3

**And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is
the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.**

I. God Is Holy (1:15)

**B. God's holiness is declared throughout the Bible –
continued**

3. John learned that God's power is holy

Revelation 4:8, 11

8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

I. God Is Holy (1:15)

C. God's holiness is unchanging

D. We will stand before this Holy One in the future

Romans 14:12

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

II. The Goal Is Holy Living (1:16)

A. “Be ye holy; for I am holy”

B. Mistaken goals are success, wealth, public praise

1 Timothy 6:5

Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

Goals based on earthly gain will disappoint us

II. The Goal Is Holy Living (1:16)

C. Holy living identifies us as the children of God

1. Expected from God

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

II. The Goal Is Holy Living (1:16)

**C. Holy living identifies us as the children of God –
continued**

2. Examples of God's will

Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

II. The Goal Is Holy Living (1:16)

**D. Peter tells us to follow Jesus' example of holy living
(1:21-25)**

1. The call

1 Peter 2:21

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

2. The condition

1 Peter 2:22

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

II. The Goal Is Holy Living (1:16)

**D. Peter tells us to follow Jesus' example of holy living
(1:21-25) - continued**

3. The context

1 Peter 2:23

Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

II. The Goal Is Holy Living (1:16)

**D. Peter tells us to follow Jesus' example of holy living
(1:21-25) - continued**

4. The cost

1 Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

II. The Goal Is Holy Living (1:16)

**D. Peter tells us to follow Jesus' example of holy living
(1:21-25) - continued**

5. The change

1 Peter 2:25

**For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned
unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.**

III. Grace Bridges The Gap (1:17-25)

A. Focusing on God's holiness brings conviction of sin

B. We cannot bridge the gap between us and God

Isaiah 64:6

**But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our
righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as
a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us
away.**

III. Grace Bridges The Gap (1:17-25)

C. We cannot bridge the gap through religion

Matthew 5:20

For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

III. Grace Bridges The Gap (1:17-25)

D. Grace bridges the gap between sinners and the Holy God

Romans 5:20-21

20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Holy Spirit Bring Holiness In
Those Yielded To Him**