

1 PETER

IDENTITY IN EXILE

3 - Holy Exiles: Reflecting the Character of God

¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

5 Spiritual Incentives to Living a Holy Life:

1. The Glory of God (v. 13)

¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

- Have a disciplined mind.
- Have a sober mind.
- Have an optimistic mind.

2. The Holiness of God (vv. 14 – 15)

¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;

- As children of God, we inherit His nature.

3. The Word of God (v. 16)

¹⁶for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

- The Word of God is:
 - a light to guide us
 - food to nourish us
 - water that washes us

- The Word of God reveals:
 - His mind...so we should learn it
 - His heart...so we should love it
 - His will...so we should live it

4. The Judgment of God (v. 17)

¹⁷Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

- We will be judged for our actions.
⁹So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (2 Cor. 5:9 – 10)

5. The Love of God (vv. 18 – 21)

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- Remember what we were.
 - Slaves
 - Empty

- Remember what Christ Did.

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