

You Are a Christian: Act Like It!

1 Peter 1:13-25

WHAT IS TRUE, AND WHAT SHOULD CHRISTIANS DO?

Having just expounded on the blessings of our salvation in 1:3–12, Peter logically concludes that liberty and blessing come with responsibility. As children of God, believers must now embody their identity by anchoring their hope in Christ's imminent return, embracing holiness, revering God, and extending love toward one another. This requires diligent effort. Are you prepared to meet Christ?"

FOUR ETHICAL COMMANDS SALVATION DEMANDS:

1. "SET YOUR HOPE" (v. 13)

- A. Preparing our minds; mental discipline. Be sober-minded.
- B. Look nowhere else but to the grace given in Jesus Christ.

2. "BE HOLY" (v.14–16)

- A. Obedience implies striving for spiritual maturity.
- B. Avoid spiritual ignorance: know God's Word; grow in Christ.
- C. Holy = set apart, not conforming to our former evil desires.

3. "LIVE IN REVERENT FEAR BEFORE GOD" (v. 17–21)

- A. We consider God an impartial Judge and realize our mighty redemption by the blood of Christ.
- B. Christ has been revealed *for you!* Now is the day of Salvation.

4. "LOVE ONE ANOTHER" (v. 22–25)

- A. Obedience to the truth brings purification from sin, which in turn leads to brotherly love for each other.
- B. From a pure heart, love each other constantly! You have been born again and saved through knowing the Word of God!
- C. Unlike humanity, the Word of the Lord endures forever!

CONCLUSION: "The imminent return of Christ is on the horizon! This impending event, coupled with our affection for Him, should serve as the driving force behind our obedient way of life. Those who have faith should exhibit moral discipline (displaying holiness and obedience), maintain spiritual focus (cultivating a mindset of faith and hope anchored in the grace of Jesus), and remain mentally vigilant (possessing a clear and sober-minded outlook).