

THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

1 PETER 1:13-25

- 1) The greatest display of God's holiness was not in His separating Himself from us, but in His entering into our sin and corruption and taking it upon Himself and putting it away forever. When Peter says to be holy as I am Holy, he is calling for a response from us. The life you live should be reflective of the God you love.

- 2) The gospel is "Jesus in my place." God's holiness given to us as a gift.
 - 1 Peter 1:17-20
 - 1 John 1:7

- 3) The difference between God and us is that He is inherently holy while we, on the other hand, only become holy in relationship to Christ and we only increase in practical holiness as we mature spiritually. The New Testament emphasizes the pursuit of holiness in this world and the final attainment of holiness in the world to come.

- 4) Three reasons why reading and studying the Bible is so important:
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)

- 5) If your growth in Godliness (or Holiness) were measured by the quality of your Bible intake, what would be the result?

QUESTIONS AND SCRIPTURE FOR FURTHER STUDY THIS WEEK

1. In chapter one of 1 Peter, we see Peter laying important foundations for what it's going to take to live your life for Jesus and make it through life's storms. In this weekend's sermon, we heard that to live this "new life" as a follower of Christ, God's Word has to be alive in us. That's why hearing God's Word each weekend, and studying it further and applying it to our lives in GPS's is so important. What do the following verses tell us about how to keep God's Word alive in our lives?

Psalm 119:9-16

James 1:22-24

Is there anything in the above verses about having God's Word in your life that is challenging for you?

Are there any adjustments you want to make to keep God's Word active in your life? If so, explain.

2. We heard this weekend how important the "therefore" in 1 Peter 1:13 is to introduce us to living the new life. How do the following verses reinforce and add to your understanding of how God and his Spirit change and work in the lives of those who follow him?

2 Corinthians 5:17

Colossians 3:1-4

Romans 8:26-27

Which one of these changes catches your attention the most?

3. Thinking of life here on earth as temporary can be good news, but can also be challenging to keep in perspective. How do the following verses add purpose to what it means to live here on earth as "exiles"?

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Ephesians 2:19-22