

## How We Live

### 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

# 1 PETER

PEOPLE OF PURPOSE  
IN A WORLD OF CHAOS

Peter has built a great foundation for us in the first twelve verses of the first chapter. In it he tells us who we are and what we have because of Jesus. Peter is now ready to move us into action. Early on in our text for today, he tells us that we are to be, “holy in our conduct” (15). Holy does not mean “perfect” in this situation; it means “set apart”. In fact, Peter references Leviticus 11:44 when he says to, “be holy, for I [God] am holy” (16). To live as “People of Purpose in a World of Chaos”, we need to pay attention to Peter’s instructions.

1. Read 1 Peter 1:13-2:3.
  - These passages contain the first imperatives (commands) in this letter.
  - Why do you think Peter spent the first 12 verses reminding his listeners who they are and what they have in Christ?
  - What happens if we are moved to action without knowing who we are?
2. 1 Peter 1:13 commands us to prepare our minds for action and to be sober minded. Why is it so important for us to focus on the state of our minds when it comes to following Christ?
3. 1 Peter 1:15-16 is where Peter encourages us to be holy in our conduct and to “be holy, for I [God] am holy.” Holy does not mean “perfect” but rather “set apart” in these verses.
  - Have you ever thought of yourself or your conduct as holy? Why or why not?
  - The word “holy” means “set apart”, not perfect. How does this understanding change the way you think about being holy?
4. Peter gives us two reminders of why we are to be “obedient children” (14):
  - First, he reminds us that God is the Father who judges us impartially according to each one’s deeds. This means we should conduct ourselves with fear (verse 17). How does a healthy fear of the Lord remind us to be obedient to God?
  - Second, Peter reminds us of Christ’s sacrifice for us (verses 18-21). How does Jesus’ sacrifice remind us to be obedient to God?
5. If we look at 1 Peter 1:22 and 2:1, we see that how we treat each other in relationships is a part of us being set apart as obedient children. This shows us that it’s not just about our individual relationship with Jesus. Why is community vitally important to us being holy as God is holy?
6. 1 Peter 2:2 invites us to crave “pure spiritual milk”. Just as an infant relies on milk for life, we are to rely on God’s word. Take time to pray for each other with the request that we would all set our minds on Christ and crave His Word and a deeper relationship with Him.