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I Peter 1:13-17

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In review.....

- I. The prophets wanted to know more about salvation**
- II. The apostles gave us the message of salvation.**
- III. The angels have a strong desire to understand salvation.**

I. In view of our salvation we should respond with hope.

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A. We must "un-clutter" our minds.

"with your minds ready for action"

Discipline in our thoughts

Rom 12:2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Christ driven priorities

Matt 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God^[a] and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us,

B. We must control our minds

“be sober-minded”

C. We must be hopeful.

“set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. “

“The Christians view of the future. It is trusting God for what is to come.” JM

Heb 3:6 But Christ was faithful as a Son over his household. And we are that household if we hold on to our confidence and the hope in which we boast.^[a]

We must hope completely.

We must hope for the return of Jesus.

I Cor 1:7 so that you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 8:23 Not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits—we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Phil 3:20-21 Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly wait for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humble condition into the likeness of his glorious body, by the power that enables him to subject everything to himself.

Col 3:4 When Christ, who is your^[a] life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

II. In view of our salvation we should respond with holiness

“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. ¹⁵ But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; ¹⁶ for it is written, **Be holy, because I am holy.**^[a]”

A. Holiness defined.

“Holiness is not thought of as a virtue but as a vice. How insulting to be thought of as “holy” by your peers. Even in the church, holiness is becoming rare. Only recently I heard a well-known evangelist speak of holiness as something which the church in America has lost.” BD

--What it is not.

Being perfect

Rom 7:15 For I do not understand what I am doing, because I do not practice what I want to do, but I do what I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want to do, I agree with the law that it is good. ¹⁷ So now I am no longer the one doing it, but it is sin living in me.

I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Being religious

John 3:3 ³ Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again,^[a] he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Being a selective “rule” follower

Matt 5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

--What holiness is

Holiness, in regard to a believer, is to be distinctly different from unbelievers in character, lifestyle and priorities.

B. Holiness is a sign of obedience.

“As obedient children”

C. Holiness is the opposite of the way we formerly lived and thought.

“do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. “

II Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has^[a] come!

Col 3:5⁵ Therefore, put to death what belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, God’s wrath is coming upon the disobedient,^[a] ⁷ and you once walked in these things when you were living in them. ⁸ But now, put away all the following: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self. You are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of your^[a] Creator.

III. In view of our salvation we should respond with honor. (Reverence)

“If you appeal to the Father who judges impartially according to each one’s work, you are to conduct yourselves in reverence during your time living as strangers.”

KJV 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:

A. Remember we are only here temporarily

B. Honor God as father

C. Honor God as judge

----Judgements?

Future

I Cor 3:10-15 ¹⁰ According to God’s grace that was given to me, I have laid a foundation as a skilled master builder,^[a] and another builds on it. But each one is to be careful how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than what has been laid down. That foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹² If anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, ¹³ each one’s work will become obvious. For

the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire; the fire will test the quality of each one's work. ¹⁴ If anyone's work that he has built survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will experience^[a] loss, but he himself will be saved—but only as through fire.

II Cor 5:9-12_Therefore, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹ Therefore, since we know the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your consciences. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to be proud of us, so that you may have a reply for those who take pride in outward appearance rather than in the heart.

Present

Heb 12:5-11-⁵ And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons:

**My son, do not take the Lord's discipline lightly
or lose heart when you are reprovved by him,
⁶ for the Lord disciplines the one he loves
and punishes every son he receives.^[a]**

⁷ Endure suffering as discipline: God is dealing with you as sons. For what son is there that a father does not discipline? ⁸ But if you are without discipline—which all receive^[a]—then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Furthermore, we had human fathers discipline us, and we respected them. Shouldn't we submit even more to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time based on what seemed good to them, but he does it for our benefit, so that we can share his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems enjoyable at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

