

Living in Exile

1 Peter 1:10-21

Reason for [You](#) to Pursue Holiness –

¹ Peter 1:10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

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.

1. GOSPEL messengers have sought to understand the [hope](#) of the GOSPEL –
2. Because of hope, prepare your minds for action [by](#) pursuing holiness –
3. Don’t worship [man](#), but the impartial GOD who redeemed you from a life of meaninglessness to a life of purpose.

Application in Community

Welcome: We have three goals as a church: first, our goal on Sunday morning is that GOD is worshipped. Second, our goal is that newcomers feel welcome, that this would be a place where you feel like you belong, that you can make friends, and seek to learn more about GOD. And third, we have small groups that meet during the week to help bring about these friendships as we fellowship and learn together as a community.

If you would like to join a group that meets during the week, head to the Information Center where Tiea Hanson will help you learn how to get connected at Grace [or email her at tieah@gracechurchseattle.org]

Application Questions:

- Have you ever lost something and turned the house upside down to find it? Tell us the story –
- Read 1 Peter 1:10-12 – what do you think it means that the prophets of the OT “[searched intently](#)” and “[with greatest care](#)” (v. 10) the scriptures about the Messiah (v. 11)?
- What does “searching intently” the scriptures look like for you and me today? Have you ever done this? Explain...
- How does “searching intently” relate to “gird up the loins of your mind” (KJV of 1 Peter 1:13) → what would vv. 13-15 look like individually and as a group if we tried to practice this?

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