

A Call to Holy Living



1 Peter 1:13-25

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And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as “temporary residents.” For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake.

21 Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory.

22 You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.

23 For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God. **24** As the Scriptures say,

“People are like grass;
their beauty is like a flower in the field.
The grass withers and the flower fades.

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But the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.

1) What is Gods will for me?

And as Peter says, “just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘**Be holy, because I am holy**’” -1 **Pet.**

1:15-16

Leviticus 19:1-2: And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.”

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**2) If you are Jesus follower
we need to be set apart —
To be different.**

Deuteronomy 14:2 — You have been set apart as holy to the Lord your God, and he has chosen you from all the nations of the earth to be his own special treasure.

3) How can I become holy?

1) Don't Resist the Holy Spirit—1 Pet. 1:2

Sanctification is by the Holy Spirit and is part of our conversion (*Rev 3:20—Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door*)

2) Commit to Obedience—Hebrews 11 obedience is the pathway to holiness.” (Reading the word, Praying, following his commandments) — (Mary Surrender to God)

3) Pursue Jesus — Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

—And the best way to show that we love God is by seeking to become holy because he is holy — Jesus is preparing a place for you in Heaven.

—John 14:3 —When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

—John 3:16 —For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.