

1 Peter 1:13-25

Introduction:

1. The apostle Peter wrote two of the New Testament "epistles" [letters].
2. This lesson is a study of the information recorded in 1 Peter 1:13-25.
3. These verses present 3 main points concerning "the holiness of God's children."

Discussion:

- I. (vs.13-16) GOD'S CHILDREN ARE TO BE HOLY BECAUSE HE IS HOLY
 - A. Vs.13 begins with "*wherefore*," indicating that the instructions being given are based on information presented earlier.
 1. (vs.1-5) Peter mentioned the great blessings God provides for His children, including a special inheritance reserved in heaven that will be given when Jesus returns.
 2. (vs.6-12) Peter wrote to Christians who were facing difficult trials, and he encouraged them to remain focused on the salvation that Christ will provide at His return.
 - B. Peter continued by exhorting his readers:
 1. to "*gird up the loins of your mind*" (1 Kings 18:46; Proverbs 23:7a)
 2. to "*be sober*" (4:7; 5:8; Titus 2:2, 4, 6)
 3. to "*hope to the end for the grace*" that Christ will provide when He returns
 4. to live as "*obedient children*," avoiding the ways they had lived before becoming Christians
 5. to be "*holy*."
 - C. God's people are to be holy:
 1. "*in all manner of conversation*"
 2. because God is holy.
 - a. Leviticus 11:44-45; 20:7, 26
 - b. 1 John 1:5-7
- II. (vs.17-21) JESUS PAID A HIGH PRICE SO PEOPLE CAN BECOME GOD'S HOLY CHILDREN
 - A. (vs.17) Since God will judge each person without partiality, Peter exhorted his readers to "*pass the time of your sojourning here in fear*."
 - B. Christians have been redeemed:
 1. not "*with corruptible things, as silver and gold*"
 2. "*with the precious blood of Christ*."
 - a. John 19:33-35
 - b. Ephesians 1:7
 - c. Hebrews 9:11-14
 - C. God's plan for redeeming man:
 1. was made before the world was created (Ephesians 3:8-11)
 2. involved Christ being raised from the dead
 3. should lead Christians to have faith and hope in Him.
- III. (vs.22-25) PEOPLE BECOME GOD'S HOLY CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE BORN AGAIN
 - A. A person experiences the new birth when he is born again by the everlasting Word of God (John 1:12-13; 3:3,5).
 - B. The new birth enables a person to enter a special family with a Father and brothers and sisters (Acts 2:47).
 - C. Members of God's family are to "*love one another with a pure heart fervently*."
 1. John 13:34-35
 2. Romans 12:9a, 10a
 3. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7