

7. What important truths do 1:18-21 teach about ...

Christ?

God?

8. "For you know that" in 1:18 (NASB: "knowing that") implies that 1:18-21 should motivate us to live in godly fear. Why should knowing the truths of 1:18-21 move us to seek holy character?

9. The mindset called for in this passage is one of being holy, sober minded, and having an eternal perspective. What activities tend to pull your thoughts away from the things of God and onto trivial issues? What do you need to do to focus more on eternal things?

Let's Pray:

Pray that our awareness of spiritual realities will be increasingly in the forefront of our minds (1:13).

Pray for moral transformation, that we would reflect God's holiness in all our behavior (1:15).

Pray that we would live in a reverential fear that has its life purifying effect that God intends (1:17).

Sermon Notes

"A Great Salvation Produces Real Sanctification"

1 Peter 1:13-21

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Introduction:

1. Think clearly about _____
(1:13).

2. Think clearly about your _____
(1:14,18).

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

3. Think clearly about your _____
(1:19-21).

4. Think clearly about your _____
(1:14-17).

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 10-04-15

Questions adapted from 1 Peter: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1986, pp. 35-39; Warren W. Wiersbe, Be Hopeful, Victor Books, Wheaton, IL, 1982, p. 146; John MacArthur, 1 & 2 Peter: Courage in Times of Trouble, Thomas Nelson, Nashville, TN, 2007, pp. 13-20.

Getting Started:

1. When have you been most gripped by the reality of eternity and the importance of living a holy life? What were the circumstances that prompted this seriousness about spiritual matters?

What do you think is the reason behind the human preoccupation with trivial concerns and living for the here-and-now?

Digging Deeper:

2. What seems to be the point of 1:13-21? (Consider the whole passage, and what Peter talked about in 1:1-12. The connecting word “therefore” in 1:13 is a clue.)

3. How is it possible to stop conforming to the world’s habits, assumptions, and goals? How do we become holy? Think about 1 Peter 1:3-15; Ephesians 4:22-24; John 14:26, 15:1-2.

4. What is the difference between conforming to the desires of ignorance (1:14) and being holy in all you do (1:15)? (Optional: See Romans 6:19, 8:5, 12:1-2.)

conforming

being holy

5. In 1:17, Peter connects two facets of God’s nature – He is our Father as well as our impartial Judge. What does each of these facets mean to you?

Father

Judge

6. Describe the slavery from which Christ redeemed you personally (1:18). (For instance, how was your own life “empty” – “futile” in NASB – before submitting to Jesus?)