

The Road to Holiness!

Part 2 | Peter 1:13-21

¹³ So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. ¹⁴ So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. ¹⁵ **But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy.** ¹⁶ For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

¹⁷ 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."

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. ²⁰ 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. I Peter 1:13-21

5 INCENTIVES FOR HOLY LIVING

INCENTIVE #1---THE _____ OF GOD (13) Anticipation of His Coming

¹³ So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. I Peter 1:13

The Return of Christ should encourage us to.....

1. **Prepared Mind!** Disciplined, ready for any action!
2. **Peaceful Mind!** Calm, steady, controlled, weighing matters!
3. **Positive Mind!** Optimistic! Outlook is determined by uplook!

INCENTIVE #2---THE _____ OF GOD (14-15) Identification with His Character

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; I Peter 1:14

The argument here is simple—Children take on the characteristics of their parents!

Holiness is a calling!

Children of Disobedience ←-----→ Children of Obedience

INCENTIVE #3---THE _____ OF GOD (16) Expectation of His Challenge

¹⁶ For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." I Peter 1:16

Family reputation is at stake!

INCENTIVE #4---THE _____ OF GOD (17) Examination as His Children

17 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."
I Peter 1:17

Our Judgment is not for condemnation. It is a.....

- >Family Judgment *Father*
- >Fair Judgment *No Favorites*
- >Fearful Judgment *Reverent Fear*

INCENTIVE #5---THE _____ OF GOD (18-21) Emancipation by His Cross

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 forefathers, 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.
I Peter 1:18-21

This is the HIGHEST MOTIVE for Holy Living! Love + Fear = Obedience

CONCLUSION—Not only do we need to remember who we were, disobedient children, slaves to sin, but we need to realize what He did on the Cross for us! This Sacrifice was an appointment not an accident!

ANSWERS:
Return, Call, Holiness, Judgment, Love

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Financial Update

Total Weekly Budget
\$ 12,857.00

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August 28, 2016
\$ 7,302.42



Proposed Church Budget

The proposed budget for the new 2016-17 church year will be available for review in the lobby. Our Stewardship members will be available to answer questions on Sun., Sept. 11th from 8:45 am– 9:15 am and Wed., Sept. 14th from 6:15 pm –6:45 pm in the church office.