

Sermon: How Grace Makes Us Holy
Series: 1 Peter: Hardships, Holiness, and Hope

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-21
Date: September 13, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) What comes to mind when you think of the holiness of God?

b) We said that God is holy when he “is what he is” (“I Am what I Am” is God’s name). Read verses 17-18? How do these verses define and describe God’s holiness?

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) Do you tend to lean toward “younger brother” license, rejecting holiness, or toward “older brother” false holiness through comparing, legalism, and self-righteousness?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) This section begins with “therefore” (v13). That means we need to go back and look at the previous section. How do verses 3-12 describe our salvation in Christ? How do they connect to the command to “be holy as God is holy?”

b) Verse 18-19 describes our salvation as us being “ransomed” by God. What does the idea of being ransomed by God from sin and death mean to you personally? How does this truth motivate us toward holiness?

APPLICATION

a) Talk through these steps of holiness together as a group. How can you help each other to work through these in real life struggles?

1. Know that you are holy in Christ (18)
2. Set your mind on the hope of future grace at Christ’s return (13)
3. Conform your desires to Christ (14)
4. in fear, choose holy conduct (17)

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Peter 1:3-9.

PRAYER

Thank God for his holiness that both forgives us and makes us pure.

Repent of ways that you have either given up on holiness or become proud from your false holiness of legalism.

Ask God to renew your mind, desires, and actions in the pursuit of being what he has made us to be.