

1 Peter 1:13 ~ 2:3

Men of Grace

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Tentative Outline

1:1-2 Greeting and spiritual identity

1:3-2:10 Chosen by God for full and final salvation

1:3-12 God's gift of final salvation

1:13-2:3 God's calling to a holy lifestyle

2:4-10 God's choice of a special people

2:11-4:19 Honorable behavior in the midst of suffering

2:11-25 Submission to appropriate legal authorities

3:1-12 Submission/respect in marriage and in the church

3:13-22 Doing good in the midst of suffering

4:1-11 Christlike attitude in the world and in the church

4:12-19 Be happy, do right, trust God

5:1-9 Serving each other in the church

5:10-14 Summary of letters' content and purpose

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MAIN IDEA:

- *The blessings of Salvation incentivize a holy lifestyle*
- 1:13
 - *Focus on the Spiritual blessings at Christ's return because they provide a proper perspective for life*
- 1:14-16
 - *Be holy because your Father is holy*
- 1:17-21
 - *Live in reverent fear because God ransomed you through Christ's pre-planned death*
- 1:22-25
 - *Love each other intensely because God cleansed you from your sins and because you have been born again through the eternal Word of God*
- 2:1-3
 - *Crave the nourishment of God's eternal Word*

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Discussion

Questions of the day:

1. *What does “be holy in everything you do” (1:15-16) look like in Orange County in 2008?*
2. *Why and how should we “live in reverent fear” of God (1:17-21)?*

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1:13 SO THINK CLEARLY
AND EXERCISE SELF-CONTROL.

LOOK FORWARD TO THE SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS
THAT GOD HAS FOR YOU
AT THE RETURN OF CHRIST.

- 1:14 OBEY GOD
BECAUSE YOU ARE HIS CHILDREN.
DON'T SLIP BACK
INTO YOUR OLD WAY OF DOING EVIL,
YOU DON'T KNOW ANY BETTER THAN!
- 1:15 BUT NOW
YOU MUST BE HOLY IN EVERYTHING YOU DO,
JUST AS
GOD - WHO CHOSE YOU TO BE HIS CHILDREN -
IS HOLY.

1:16 FOR
HE HIMSELF SAID,
"YOU MUST BE HOLY!
BECAUSE I AM HOLY."

- 1:17 And remember that
The Heavenly Father is whom you may
have no favorites
when he judges.
- He will reward
according to what you do.
- So you must live in reverent fear of him
during your time
as foreigners here on earth.
- 1:18 For you know
that God paid a ransom to save you
from the empty life.
- 1:19 He paid for you
with the precious blood of Christ
the sinless,
spotless lamb of God.
- 1:20 God chose him for this very purpose
long before the world began,
but... now in these last days,
he was sent to earth
for all to see
and he did this for you.
- 1:21 Through Christ
you have come to trust in God.
And because God raised Christ from the dead
and gave him great glory,
- Your faith
and hope can be placed confidently
in God.
- 1:22 You inherited from your fathers,
and the ransom he paid
was not mere gold or silver .

1:22 Now

You can have sincere love for each other
As brothers and sisters,
Because

You were cleansed from your sins
When you accepted the truth
of the Good News.

So see to it
that you always do love each other
Intensely
From your hearts.

for
you have been born again.
Your new life did not come from your earthly parents
because
the life they gave you will end in death.
but

this new life will last forever
because
it comes from the eternal
living God of God.

1:24 As the prophet says,

"People are like grass that dies away;
their beauty fades as quickly
as the beauty of flowers.

The grass withers,
and
the flowers fall away.
But

1:25 But
the word of the Lord will last forever."
And
that word is the Good News
that was preached to you.

- So
Get rid of all malicious behavior
and deceit.
Don't just pretend to be good!
Be done with hypocrisy
and jealousy
and backstabbing.
- You must crave pure
spiritual milk
so that
you can grow
into the fullness of your salvation.
- Cry out for this nourishment
as a baby cries after ~~milk~~ milk,
Now that you have tasted
- the Lord's kindness.