

Cornerstone Church

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**Sermon Series: Practicing Our Readiness Drills for
Christ's Return - Seeking God's Guidance from 1st and
2nd Peter**

Today's Sermon: Being Holy Because God is Holy

Today's Passages: 1 Peter 1:13-16

[13] Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. [14] As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, [15] but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, [16] since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Introduction

Main point: There are things we can do to increase our hope in God that will fortify our endurance to live godly lives and stay true to the King no matter what we face in life whether it's overt hostility or covert temptation to live for our own leisure.

The two things we can do is 1) we can set our hope fully on the grace to be given to us and 2) we can choose to live holy lives.

Review:

[10] Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, [11] inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. [12] It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look. (1 Peter 1:10-12 ESV)

A. Setting our hope on the grace to be given to us

What is this GRACE that will be brought to us at the revelation of Jesus Christ?

- It is all the blessings listed in verses 3-12

Actions we can take to strengthen our faith (hope):

1. We can gird the loins of our minds for action.
2. We are sober-minded, which means we are not to be drunk on, intoxicated with, or dulled by the things of this world that take away our passion for God.

B. Choosing to live holy lives

1. Being holy means being set apart for God
 - For example: The Sabbath day was set apart as holy to the Lord as were the priests and the vestments and the utensils and furniture of the tabernacle
2. Being holy means also that God is completely void of evil, and totally in a category by Himself.
3. We as believers are to consider ourselves to be set apart for God's use (#1) and imitators of God's holiness because we are now His children.
4. Since we can never be as holy as God (see number 2 above) we must see understand what Peter's concept of holiness means. It is this:

- We are to act like His children. **As obedient children,**

- We are to cease loving the former illicit passions we once thought fulfilling (greed, power, illicit sex, malice, jealousies, drunkenness, etc.)

- We do that by training our minds to realize we did those things in ignorance. **do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,**

(Jeremiah 2:13 ESV)for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

(2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.