TRUST AND OBEY
1 PETER 1:14-21 / 7-10-19 / WED

I. FIRST, OBEDIENCE MEANS NOT ACTING LIKE WE ONCE ACTED.
   A. This is Peter’s warning—1:14.
      1. The word “conform” means to follow the example of someone else.
      2. Peter uses the word here to mean don’t revert back to your former sinful lifestyle before you became a Christian.
   B. Peter’s point is that Christians are to be “non-conformists”—Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 2:15-17.

II. SECOND, OBEDIENCE MEANS BECOMING WHAT WE WERE MEANT TO BECOME.
   A. Peter says we are meant to become holy—1:15b “…so be holy in all you do…”
      1. “Holy” means to be sanctified or “set apart” for God’s use.
      2. Jews have separate dishes and pots to use when preparing the Passover meal.
   B. Peter also says our motive for holiness is the holiness of God—1:15-16.
   C. Jesus also calls us to be holy like our heavenly Father is---Matt. 5:48.

III. THIRD, OBEDIENCE MEANS LIVE LIKE A FOREIGNER WHILE STILL ON EARTH.
   A. Peter says as Christians we became aliens and foreigners in this unbelieving world—1:17b “…live out your time as foreigners here…”
   B. Peter provides three motives for living like a foreigner in this unbelieving world.
      1. First, live like a foreigner because God judges our actions—1:17a—“Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially….”
      2. Second, live like a foreigner out of fear—“1:17b—“…live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear”.
         b. Paul also uses fear as a motivator—Phil 2:12.
      3. Third, live like a foreigner because of the high cost of our salvation—1:18-21.
   C. In the O.T. the word “redeem” (v.18) referred to the practice of buying a person out of slavery. Jesus bought us out of our former life of slavery to sin—John 8:34.