

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"**.
 - a. Jesus uses fear as a motivator—Matt. 10:28.
 - 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.

