

STUDIES IN THE EPISTLE OF FIRST PETER

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(Lesson #3)

STAYING CLEAN IN A POLLUTED WORLD

1 Peter 1:13-21

1Pe 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1Pe 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

1Pe 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

1Pe 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1Jo 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

1Jo 5:19 *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

1Jo 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

1. **In the first section** of this chapter, Peter emphasized **walking in hope**; but now his emphasis is **walking in holiness**. **These two go together**, “every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure (1 John 3:3).
2. **The root meaning of the word translated holy is “set apart.”** A holy person is not an odd person, but a transformed image and a reflection of God’s Holiness. His life has been touched by God’s great power and through his obedience of the gospel, his life has been changed and cleansed by the Precious blood of Jesus

Christ and now God's eternal spirit now dwells within his life through the Power of the Holy Ghost.

3. **To be Holy**: Holiness carries the thought of being separated from the ungodly ways of the world and set apart for love, service, and worship toward God. Holiness is the goal and purpose of our election in Christ. It means to be God like, dedicated to God, and living to please God.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service.*

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

4. **Gird up the loins of your mind**

- a. **Simply means**, "Pull your thoughts together! Have a disciplined mind!"

5. **A Sober Mind**: The word means "to be calm, steady, controlled; to weigh matters. Don't get all carried away with prophetic studies and lose your spiritual balance.
6. **We should have an optimistic mind**: "Hope to the end" means "set your hope fully." Have a hopeful outlook! "When **the outlook** is gloom, **try the up look!**"

AS OBEDIENT CHILDREN

1Pe 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

1. Before we came to God we had a spirit of disobedience (Eph 2:1-3), and after the things of the flesh, and we could not please God. It was the sin of disobedience that caused man to fall. But by the Obedience of one many were made righteous (which was Jesus Christ).

2. But now that we are obedient children, our body soul and spirit needs to be yielded to God.

Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God, that, whereas ye were servants of sin, ye became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching whereunto ye were delivered;

Rom 6:18 and being made free from sin, ye became servants of righteousness.

3. Unsaved people lack spiritual insight, and this causes them to give themselves to all kinds of fleshly and worldly indulgences. Since we were born with a fallen nature, it was natural for them to live sinful lives. Nature determines appetites and actions. A dog and a cat behave differently because they have different natures.
4. Before we came to God we wore clothes that were to tight in most cases, to revealing in a lot of cases, and are lives were centered on alluring through the Lust of the flesh, and we wore Hollywood's latest fashion of lustful garments, trying to stay in step with the world.

1Ti 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

1Ti 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.

that women adorn themselves in modest apparel: the word rendered "apparel" signifies a long robe, which reaches down to the feet; and the word translated "modest" signifies that which is clean, neat, and decent, yea, beautiful and ornamental; and the sense of the apostle is that he would not have them to come to public worship in rags, and in dirty and filthy garments, but that their bodies should be covered with clean and decent raiment. Royalty is always represented by a sense of long flowing dresses and with decency and with great modesty and grace.

4. **When a woman buys a dress, she needs to remember the 3 C's, Cost, Covering and Caution.** You need to have enough

material to cover the top and her sleeves should be the right length, and when women set down she needs enough material to cover her knees. If you have to always be pulling on your dress when you are seated, that's not enough material. Your dress should not be so tight, to show every curve, to draw attention to your body and not the glory of God in your life.

5. A women is the symbol of the teaching and the holiness standards of the church.

Tit 2:10 Not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

Isa 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. **When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.**

1Pe 3:5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

Psa 149:4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

6. Clothing is a symbol of our moral standards or they way we dress are a symbol of the lack of them.

Num 15:37 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

Num 15:38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribbon of blue:

Num 15:39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

Num 15:40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

1Pe 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS

Jer 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*.

Jer 6:17 Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

DO NOT ALLOW AN INDEPENDENT SPIRIT TO DIVERT YOU FROM THE PATH OF HOLINESS, LEARN TO BE SUBMISSIVE AND OBEDIENT

Isa 4:1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

1Pe 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

1Pe 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1Pe 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,