

Series: Aliens & Sojourners—1 Peter

Text: 1 Pet. 1:13–16

Title: Look to Him, Live Like Him

Date: Aug. 25, 2024

Lesson: 4

Summary of 1:3–12:

- Our ‘new begetting’ gives us immeasurable blessings we can look forward to in the end.
- That future hope enables us to endure any suffering in the meantime because trials prove our faith is real and because proven faith brings Christ the most glory.
- Christ’s glory is our chief motivation if we truly love Him.

1 Pet. 1:13–16 – Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, ¹⁵but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; ¹⁶because it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

I. What Controls Our _____ (v13)

- 'Therefore' –

- Two participles that inform the actual command:
 - 'As those who prepared their minds' –

*Col. 1:21 – And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in **mind**, engaged in evil deeds,*

*Matt. 22:37 – And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your **mind**.”*

- 'Keeping sober' –

*1 Pet. 4:7 – The end of all things is near; therefore, **be** of sound judgment and **sober** [spirit] for the purpose of prayer.*

*1 Pet. 5:8 – **Be** of **sober** [spirit], be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

- The command: Fix our hope completely on the grace to be brought to us at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
 - Where we place our _____ is what we orient our whole lives around.
 - We have to focus on the grace _____.

Before we try to do anything else in our faith, we have to first root our hope securely and unwaveringly in Christ and in our ultimate salvation to come.

II. What Controls Our _____ (vv14–16)

- Our holy living comes first from being obedient _____.
- This obedience involves not conforming to our former _____.
 - Before Christ, we were fully controlled by the sinful impulses within us.

*Eph. 2:3 – Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the **mind**, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.*

- Sin still lives in our flesh even though God's Spirit gives us the ability to have victory over it (cf. Rom. 7:14–25).

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

○ The command: Become _____!

- Holiness is rooted in God Himself:

1. God is the _____ for holiness.

2. God is the _____ for holiness.

- Holiness = ' _____ '

1. We're supposed to be radically different from the world in our faith and morality (cf. Lev. 11:44–45; 18:1–5; 19:2; 20:7).

2. _____ is the standard of what we're supposed to be like, not the world.

After fixing our hope completely on future grace, Christians need to make our lives all about becoming holy.

What do we do with this text?

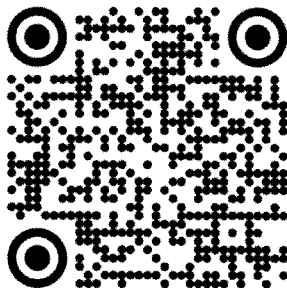
1. Be honest with ourselves about where our _____ really lies.

2. Be honest with ourselves about how much we care about

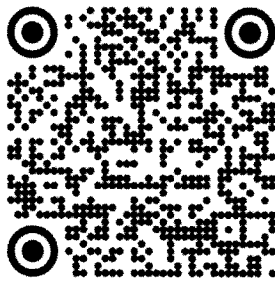
_____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

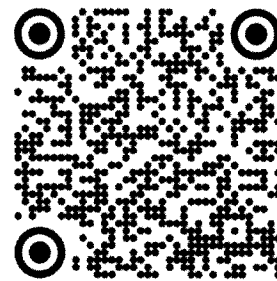
1. How would you describe your thinking before and after salvation? Why is it helpful to remember this difference?
2. How can you be more 'sober' in your thinking as a Christian today?
3. In what are you most tempted to place your hope instead of Christ? What needs to change about your thinking to keep it where it should be?
4. How do your 'former lusts' get in the way of you becoming holy? How can you combat them? You do not need to be more specific than you are comfortable.
5. What are some standards of holiness you are tempted to use instead of God? How should you view them instead?
6. How much do you focus on holiness in your life? What is your motivation when you do?



*Meet
the Staff*



*Online
Giving*



*Weekly
Announcements*

Blanks: Thinking, hope, to come, Conduct, children, lusts, holy, standard, goal, set apart, God, hope, holiness