

# Be Holy

Jesus' resurrection empowers believers for holy living.



The Transformation for Adult LifeGroups

1 PETER 1:13-25

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**TODAY'S TEXT**—open your Bible, use a Bible app on your phone, or follow along below

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*Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup> for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." <sup>17</sup> Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. <sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. <sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, <sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.*

## FIRST THOUGHTS

- This week we'll talk about holiness. What comes to your mind when you hear the word "holiness?"
- What are some things you've set aside for a special purpose or occasion? Maybe it's clothes, dishes, food, etc. Why do we set things apart?

## EXPLORE THE TEXT

### OBEDIENT

> Read 1 Peter 1:13-16

- What does it mean to be fully alert and sober? How do we achieve this kind of focus?
- Should personal holiness matter as long as we are not hurting someone else? Explain.
- How can old habits become potential barriers to holiness?
- How should we respond to Peter's admonition to be holy like God is holy?
- When you consider holiness, what does that include?

### REVERENT

> Read 1 Peter 1:17-21

- Why does an eternal perspective help you to live a more holy life on earth? What does it mean to live as a foreigner on the earth as a follower of Christ?
- What are some ways we can show reverence and respect for God?
- How do we balance the two truths here that we have been delivered from God's judgment by the blood of Christ and yet he is still our judge and father that we should respect?

## COMPASSIONATE

### > Read 1 Peter 1:22-25

- What is the connection between a pure heart and sincere love?
- Why do you think God often in Scripture sets the measure of our love for him on our love for others?
- Most living things don't last forever (as Peter points out in verse 25)—so what does it mean that God's word is both living and enduring?

## SUMMARIZE AND CHALLENGE

- Knowing that God is holy and demands holiness of His children, what can you do to cultivate holiness?
- How would you rank the quality of your relationships with others?

*Personal Challenge:* Have you made holiness an objective for your life? Conduct an inventory of your daily routines and relationships. Do you need self-imposed rules or safeguards to restore these areas? Pray and ask God to examine your life for impurities and to forgive and cleanse you for a new day.

## PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Next week we will be studying 1 Peter 2:1-10. These verses talk about growing as a Christian. Where would you put yourself? Are you closer to God now than you were a year ago? Do you think you've grown as a follower of Christ in the last year?

## READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

**18th** – Jeremiah 26, 35, 36; John 20 | **19th** – Jeremiah 45-47; Psalm 105; John 21 | **20th** – Jeremiah 48-49; Psalm 67; 1 John 1 | **21st** – Jeremiah 21, 24, 27; Psalm 118; 1 John 2 | **22nd** – Jeremiah 28-30; 1 John 3 | **23rd** – Jeremiah 31-32; 1 John 4 | **24th** – Jeremiah 33-34; Ps. 74; 1 Jn. 5

### Our Mission:

TO KNOW GOD AND BE  
CHANGED BY HIM IN A  
WAY THAT WILL CHANGE  
THE WORLD.

### Our Vision:

TO BE A CHURCH FOR  
THE UNCHURCHED,  
HERE AND AROUND  
THE WORLD.

### Adult LifeGroups:

INVITE AND INVEST IN  
THOSE WITHOUT CHRIST.  
CREATE COMMUNITY.  
MAKE DISCIPLES.