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^{ESV} **1 Peter 1:13** Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

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¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,

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¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

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²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

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²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

2:1 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—

³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Encouragement for the Christian Journey

- I. The PROSPECT we cherish. (1:3-4)
- II. The PROTECTION we experience (1:5)
- III. The PERSPECTIVE we must embrace about the trials & suffering we face (1:6-9)
- IV. The PERPLEXITY the Prophets had about the Messiah (1:10-12)

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Be holy in our attitudes and actions (1:13-21)

The goal of holiness is Christlikeness.

The meaning of holiness is “separation” - (2-fold)

- To be set apart to Jesus as His possession (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

1 Corinthians 6:19 “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

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- To be separated from that which is sinful (1 Thes. 4:3)

1 Thessalonians 4:3 God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin.

Be holy in our attitudes and actions (1:13-21)

In order to promote holiness in our lives, three things are necessary:

1. a proper perspective of the coming revelation of Christ, (1:13)
2. a continued obedience to Scripture, (1:14-16)
and
3. a humble and grateful life of faith in light of the coming judgment. (1:17-21)

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1. a proper perspective of the coming revelation of Christ, (1:13)

- **Be mentally alert (1:13)** - “Therefore, preparing your minds for action”
- **Exercise self-control (1:13)** – “and being sober-minded”

Be holy in our attitudes and actions (1:13-21)

- 1. a proper perspective of the coming revelation of Christ, (1:13)**
 - Be eagerly expecting the completion of our salvation which will occur when Jesus is revealed. (1:13) - “set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”**

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- By not conforming to the evil desires we had before we were saved. - (14)
- “¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,”
- By being holy in all that we do. (1:15-16)

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- The comprehensive nature of holiness: - "in all your conduct." (1:15)
- The command by God for Christians to be holy. (1:16)

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Live each day with:

• **A knowledge that God will judge everything you do with impartiality. (1:17)**

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Live each day with:

- **A grateful attitude for the costly gift of salvation.**
(1:18-19)

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Live each day with:

- **A steadfast faith and hope in Jesus alone** (1:20-21)

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2. Treat other Believers with sincere love (1:22-2:3)

- Obedience to the truth purifies us and empowers us through in indwelling Holy Spirit so we are now able to genuinely love all other Christians. (1:22)

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- Christians share a common bond – the new birth (1:23-25)

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2. Treat other Believers with sincere love (1:22-2:3)

- Christians must rid themselves of every obstacle to love others and immerse themselves in God's Word. (2:1-2)

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