

HOLY IN ALL MANNER OF CONVERSATION

1Pet 1:13-16

INTRODUCTION:

- A. This letter written to scattered strangers, elect of God 1:1,2
- B. Christians are sojourners here: our real home is heaven
- C. We have a relationship to God that no one else has.
- D. Those in the world do not enjoy the blessings of this family relationship
- E. Therefore, Peter exhorts us to be holy in our conduct and this becomes especially important in view of 2Cor 5:10

DISCUSSION:

I. THIS RELATIONSHIP DEMANDS ACTIVITY

- A. Girding up the loins of our minds (v. 13)
 - 1. Must not allow mental powers to wander but gird them up - be alert mentally, be energetic
 - 2. Must hunger and thirst after righteousness Matt 5:6
 - 3. Be firm in our convictions 1Cor 15:58
 - 4. No room for half converted people Matt 10:34-39
- B. Be sober (v. 13) a state of mind for all 1Pet 4:7; 5:8
 - 1. Definition of sober: To return to one's senses; used in association with watchfulness
 - 2. To defeat the devil we must approach the battle with maturity, whole armor of God Eph 6:10-13
- C. Hope to the end (v. 13)
 - 1. Ours is a living hope 1Pet 1:3
 - 2. The Jews by rejecting God had lost their hope
 - 3. Those obedient have a hope made sure by the resurrection of Jesus Christ Acts 17:31
 - 4. Note description of that for which we hope 1Pet 1:4

II. THIS RELATIONSHIP DEMANDS NEW CONDUCT

- A. As obedient children (v. 14)
 - 1. Proper attitude must be instilled from birth Rom 6:17,18; 2Cor 5:17
 - 2. We obey God out of love and reverence 1Jhn 5:3
 - 3. Christians must view every situation in the light of what can be accomplished for God 1Cor 9:19-23
- B. Not fashioned according to former lusts (v. 14)
 - 1. Fashion: to give the same figure or appearance as to conform to
 - 2. The word is for all who will respond Rom 10:4-10
 - a. Molded into proper servants 2Tim 2:20,21; 3:16,17
 - b. Giving Word free course in our lives makes us heed admonitions and be free from worldly things
 - 3. Not ... according to former lusts 1Pet 4:1-3
 - a. We must not drift back 2Pet 2:20-22

- b. Nor desire to be like the people of the world Rom 12:1,2
- C. Be like He who called (v. 15)
 - 1. Through Christ we have a perfect view of the Father Jhn 1:18; 14:1-10; Col 2:9
 - 2. He endured every trial in the right spirit so we could have him to fall back on Heb 4:14-16; 1Pet 2:21

III. HOLINESS IMPERATIVE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

- A. Holy = separate or set apart
- B. Note the appeal to the O.T. Lev 19:2; 20:26
 - 1. God demanded that Israel have no dealings with the world - no covenants, mixed marriages, etc
 - 2. A failure to maintain a distinction between the Holy and common (profane) destroyed Israel Ezek 22:26
- C. Holiness enjoined on those in Christ (v. 16); 1Pet 2:5,9
- D. Christians are God's representatives to and instruments in converting the world Rom 10:12-15; 1Pet 2:11,12
- E. If we are to present Christ to the world then let's present the true Christ, not a view mixed with the world Gal 2:20
 - 1. Holiness is reflected to all 1Tim 2:8
 - 2. If not glorifying God we are fruitless Matt 5:16
- F. We must not think we can remain among children of obedience and still fashion our conduct according to the old lusts Col 3:1,2; Gal 5:19-21

CONCLUSION:

- A. The quality of holiness must be a part of our lives if we desire to go to heaven
- B. What type of character are we trying to present to the world
- C. It must be the image of Christ or else death awaits those who manifest the image of the devil