

## CALL TO HOLY LIVING

1Peter 1:13-2:1 (p.1,113)

We may focus so much on GRACE-- that we forget following Christ involves **Holy Living**.

Once God saves us by His grace, He calls us to **follow Him in obedience**.

Lev. 26:3-17; John 14:15; 15:10; Ephesians 2:8-10.

*CROSS + WORKS = SALVATION*

Wrong! Common notion; but God says,

For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—not from works, so that no one can boast. (Eph. 2:8-9)

*CROSS + FAITH = SALVATION*

But this is not the whole picture.

For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them. (Eph. 2:10)

*CROSS + FAITH = SALVATION + WORKS*

This is what God created us for!

### A. Holy Thinking

1:13

KJV- ... *gird up the loins of your mind*.

Gather up your robe and tie it in your belt so you can move freely and quickly.

This is serious. Be sober-minded. **FOCUS!**

If we do not set our minds to Holy Living, we will surely find ourselves discouraged in our Christian life and feeling distant from God.

### B. Holy Conduct

1:14-16

Holiness refers to God's absolute **moral virtue** (a presence so infinitely pure that it unmasks and judges every moral flaw or fault).

**Positional** Sanctification-

Formal declaration that something has been set apart for God. *Everyone* who is a child of God has been declared righteous because Christ took our sin and gave us His righteousness.

**Progressive** Sanctification-

At the moment of regeneration, Christians are declared *positionally sanctified*, but then we need to be practically sanctified—that is, we need to start living in a way that is set apart to God; we need to practice holiness. As we conform to what God desires, we become more like Christ.

### C. Holy Motivation

1:17-21

1. Judgment.
2. Temporary **residence**.
3. **Blood** of Christ.

### B. More Exhortation on Holy Conduct

1:22; 2:1

**Love** one another. Here is the opposite: Malice, Deceit, Hypocrisy, Envy, Slander.

### CONCLUSION:

"Did you do your best?"

-Admiral Rickover to former President Carter

You can't do this!!! Holy Living requires the power of the **Holy Spirit**. His power is available as we yield daily.