

# 1 Peter 1:13-21

Ain't Got No Time for Fuzzy Thinkin'

Grateful Hearts Lead to Holiness/Wholeness in Christian Living

As spiritual aliens/short-timers on Earth, Christians should not be controlled by our emotions/feelings but we should consistently live our faith centered on our Lord Jesus Christ so that unbelievers who slander us because we are believers will see the reality of Christ in our lives and ultimately glorify God by coming to Him in faith. 2:11-12

## **Holiness/Wholeness is Rooted in Appreciation for What God Has Done and Anticipation for What God Will Do for Us in Christ v13-16**

**Therefore** (means look back to see what this is "there for" = 1:3-12)

Principle: Don't just read "a verse" because interpreting any text without reference to its context leads to nonsense (for more information be here this Wednesday and find out what Matthew 7:1 really means).

### **keep sober**

stay spiritually (DVD) alert

**fix your hope** (faith projected forward so as to anticipate/look forward to something in the future) **completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ...**that should sound familiar (see 1:7; Zephaniah 3:17)

**As OBEДИENT children...**(-) don't conceal Whose you are (+) reveal Whose you are

**Holy/Holiness** (OT: Qadosh NT: hagios) distinct/separate; God is Holy ontologically in the sense that as THE Triune/Transcendent Being, He is today distinct/superior to any other (created) thing. Morally God is Holy because He is totally separate/distinct from any moral imperfection. Believers in Christ have by God's Grace been given through the work of Christ a perfect/holy legal standing before God (positional sanctification). In our experience on Earth, believers are called to live lives of holiness-distinct from sinfulness and selfishness, wholly dedicated to please/serve the One Who has saved us.

## **Knowing the One Who Saved Us Will Evaluate the Lives We Live for Him Now Should Motivate Us to Holiness/Wholeness in How We Think and Live v17-21**

**If (3<sup>rd</sup> Class Condition in the Greek “If and it is true...”)**

In English this is better rendered “Since” you do address God as Father (see 1:3-5)

**The One Who judges impartially**

1 Corinthians 3:1-4:5; 1 Peter 5:1-4; 2 John 1:8

**Conduct yourselves in fear (not abject fright/terror but reverential awe...**

...in light of the price paid for our redemption/making it possible for us to serve God

**Knowing/keeping in mind you were not redeemed by even the most precious things of Earth, but with something infinitely greater:**

The blood of the perfect Lamb of God (SAS...validated by the LBSR of Jesus Christ)

Christ was foreknown (the Active Agent of Salvation) before the foundation of the time/space universe but His incarnation/work brought in a whole new dispensation (in which Peter’s first readers and you/me today are privileged to be associated).

**Believers in Jesus ARE inherently true/full believers in (the true Triune) God**

Know Jesus...Know God; No Jesus...No God

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