

I PETER
HOLY AND
HOPE-FILLED LIVING
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

I Peter 1:13-16

Therefore, prepare your minds for action,
keep sober *in spirit*,
fix your hope completely
on the grace to be brought to you
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

As obedient children,
do not be conformed to the former lusts
which were yours in your ignorance,

but like the Holy One who called you,
be holy yourselves also
in all *your* behavior;
because it is written,
"YOU SHALL BE HOLY,
FOR I AM HOLY."

FIRST MAJOR COMMAND...

“...fix your **hope** completely
on the grace
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First Major Command: “Fix your hope!”

The Basis for Fixing our Hope: “Therefore”

Two Prerequisites for Fixing our Hope:

- ✓ Prepare your minds for action!
- ✓ Keep sober *in spirit!*

SECOND MAJOR COMMAND...

“...be holy!”

Connection between hope
and holiness...

I John 3:3

SECOND MAJOR COMMAND, “be holy!”

The Meaning of **Holiness**: “separation”!

The “Perspectives” of **Holiness**...

- Present, Positional **Holiness** \Leftrightarrow “Saint”
- Progressive, Practical **Holiness** \Leftrightarrow Sanctification
- Future, Perfect **Holiness** \Leftrightarrow Perfection!

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- The Character required for becoming holy: “as children of obedience”

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- The Prerequisite for becoming holy: “do not be conformed to your lusts”
 - ✓ “Conformed” is primarily, superficial and outward. Cf. Romans 12:2.
 - ✓ Your “lusts” are “your former” lusts!
 - ✓ They belong to the “ignorant” period of your life! *You know better, now!!!*

Why would you live like that again???

SECOND MAJOR COMMAND, “be holy!”

- The Standard for becoming holy: “like the Holy One Who called you!”
- The Personal Responsibility for becoming holy: “you...yourselves.”
- The Urgent Imperative of becoming holy: (this is a COMMAND!)
- The Extent of becoming Holy: “in all your behavior!”

SECOND MAJOR COMMAND, “be holy!”

- The Basis for becoming holy: “You shall be Holy, for I am holy.”

We are to be conformed to the Image of Christ!

- ✓ Romans 8:29
- ✓ II Corinthians 3:18
- ✓ Ephesians 5:1
- ✓ Colossians 3:9-10

How is your **holiness**???

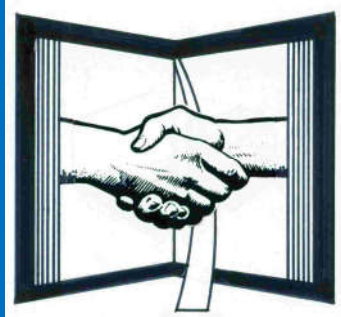
You ARE holy in your “position”

You WILL BE perfectly holy,
when you see Christ

But how is your “practice”?

How is your behavior?

How is your **holiness**???



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