

I Peter 1:14-16

Obedient Children Are To Be Holy As The Lord Is Holy

I. Introduction: We have been studying through the saints addressed in this letter having hope in the return of Christ and salvation to come at that point (**I Peter 1:3-13**).

A. Those who choose not to obey the Gospel of Christ have nothing good to look forward to at the return of Christ (**II Thessalonians 1:7-12**).

1. Jesus is the source of salvation for those who obey Him (**Hebrews 5:8-9**).

2. Those that reject His will will be rejected (**John 12:48**).

B. Being able to genuinely look forward to Christ returning comes down to how prepared a person is for that day (**Luke 12:35-48**).

1. Preparations are made through how you live (**Romans 13:11-14**).

2. The test, is my conduct as it becometh the Gospel (**Philippians 1:27**)?

II. Body: *“As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy” (I Peter 1:14-16)*.

A. They knew they were expected to obey (**I Peter 1:1-2**).

1. Obedience declares one as a servant of the Lord (**Romans 6:16**).

2. Love for the Lord is shown through obedience (**John 14:15** and **I John 5:2-3**).

3. The relationship between God and His people comes down to obedience (**John 14:21-24** and **II John 1:9**).

B. As obedient children (**Ephesians 5:1**).

1. To have God as your Father (**II Corinthians 6:14-7:1**).

2. Actions establish who your Father is (**I John 2:29-3:10**).

3. Think about the contrasting point of obedient children (**Ephesians 5:6**).

4. Looking at the Father from the perspective of being His child, even in the realm of correction (**Hebrews 12:5-11**).

C. Not patterning living after the ignorance of one's lustful past (**Ephesians 4:17-24** and **Colossians 1:12-23**).

1. The old man is supposed to be in the past (**Colossians 3:5-10**).

2. The old you was left behind in the water (**Romans 6:3-12**).

3. The ignorance of the past, you repented of that (**Acts 17:30**).

4. Peter will be reminding them in this letter about how they should live as Christians (**I Peter 2:11-12**).

5. The faithful need to live like who we are and whose we are (**Philippians 2:14-16** and **Titus 2:11-3:8**).

D. He which hath called you is God the Father as later established clearly in this letter (**I Peter 5:10**).

1. Yes, the called include the Gentiles (**Romans 9:24**) which matters because those addressed in this letter are primarily Gentiles (**I Peter 2:9-10**).
 2. Remember, the calling is through the Gospel (**II Thessalonians 2:13-14**).
- E. He is holy (**Psalms 99:1-5** and **Revelation 4:8**).
1. His words are pure (**Proverbs 30:5**).
 2. His way is perfect, equal, and right (**Psalms 18:30, Ezekiel 18:25-32, and Hosea 14:9**).
 3. He is without iniquity (**Deuteronomy 32:4**).
- F. Be ye holy in all manner of conduct (**Luke 1:67-75**).
1. Consider what we will later see in this letter (**I Peter 3:8-17**).
 2. It is not your intentions (**II Samuel 7:1-7**), but rather your conduct that matters (**Matthew 7:13-27, I John 1:5-6, and I John 2:3-6**). **We will talk more about this relative to judgment in our next lesson.*
- G. Be holy for He is holy (**Leviticus 11:44**).
1. Yes, we are to be holy (**Ephesians 1:3-4, Colossians 3:12, I Thessalonians 4:1-7, and Hebrews 12:14**).
 2. Does that mean complete [perfect], without sin, blameless, etc.? YES, (**Psalms 4:4, Matthew 5:48, John 8:1-11, I Corinthians 15:34, Ephesians 4:26, II Timothy 2:19, II Peter 3:9-14, I John 2:1-2, and I John 5:18**)!
 3. This even applies collectively, to the whole congregation of Christ (**Ephesians 5:25-27**).
 4. Being holy [$\hbar\gamma\iota\omicron\varsigma$; Strong's # 40] is being pure. Think about how this applies in various ways regarding thinking and actions (**Matthew 5:8, I Timothy 1:5, II Timothy 2:22, Titus 1:15, James 1:26-27, etc.**).

III. Conclusion: Our next study: *"And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear"* (**I Peter 1:17**).