

Study 3

A Holy Calling

1 Peter 1:13-2:3

A Living Hope
1 Peter

In this section Peter urges us to respond appropriately to the great spiritual privileges we have that he has just highlighted. We particularly learn more about the new kind of life God calls us to as his children and the place that God's word has in that life.

Although the NIV translation has more, there are five clear commands in the original text, each of which is qualified and explained by the surrounding text. The commands are: "set your hope fully on the grace that will be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed" (1:13), "be holy in all you do" (1:15), "live your lives as strangers with reverent fear" (1:17), "love one another deeply from the heart" (1:22) and "crave the pure milk of the word" (2:2). Note that these commands are all clearly set in the context of God's grace outlined in 1:1-12 and 2:4-10.



Read 1 Peter 1:13-21

1. How does Peter describe the motive and manner by which we are to pursue a holy life? What is the essence of holiness?

2. How does Peter describe the life we've been rescued from? In what ways do you see that in the world around us?

3. What stands out for you in what Peter says about Christ?



Read 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

4. What is the goal and result of gospel obedience? What might this look like in practice?

5. What do we learn here about the gospel word and our relationship to it?



6. In what ways is the Lord challenging you from this passage towards real heart change? Which areas mentioned in 2v1 do you struggle with?