



"Responding to Salvation Grace" (Part 3)

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1 Peter 1:15a



13 Therefore, having girded up the loins of your mind, with sober-mindedness, set your hope fully on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **14** As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance. **15** But like the holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; **16** because it is written: "You shall be holy, for I Am Holy." **17** And if you call upon the Father as the One who judges with impartiality according to each one's work, conduct yourselves with fear during your time of exile, **18** knowing that you have been redeemed

from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things like silver and gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like an unblemished and spotless lamb. **20** He was foreknown from before the foundation of the world, but He has appeared in these last times for your sake, **21** who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

– 1 Peter 1:13-21, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

"Responding to salvation grace results in the pleasure of hope and the pursuit of holiness."

I. Our Response to the Glory of our Salvation (13-21)

A. We are to Fix our Hope on Future Grace (13)

B. We are to Forsake our Former Passions (14)

C. We are to Pursue Holiness (vv. 15-16)

1. The Pursuit of Holiness (v. 15)

a. The Standard: A Holy God

(1) What Does it mean that "God is Holy?"

"Every time you try to define the word 'holy,' you simply wind up by saying this, 'God is holy means, God is God.' . . . God is one of a kind, *sui juneris*, in a class by Himself, and in that sense he is utterly holy, separate. . ."
[John Piper]

(a) The Word "holy" = hagios (ἅγιος)

b. What is the "call" of God ("the Holy One who called you")?

"You can't separate the call of God to salvation from the call of God to holiness."

c. What does it mean for us to be holy?

(1) Some Different Ways that "Christians" have tried to address the issue of personal holiness throughout the history of the church

(a) Asceticism (self-denial)

(b) Legalism

i. The difference between legalism and biblical obedience

(c) Antinomianism (lawlessness)

(d) Mysticism

(e) Quietism and Pietism Movements of the 17th-18th centuries

d. A Balanced Approach to Holiness

(1) Starts with taking sin seriously

Conclusion