

1 PETER
EXILED
STANDING FIRM IN GOD'S GRACE



The Precious Blood of Christ

1 Peter 1.13-21

Main Idea

Since we have such a great reward it is important that we prepare for action and live Holy lives in light of being ransomed by the precious blood of Christ.

Overview

- I. Prepare your mind for action and be sober minded (v 13a)**
 - 1 Peter 2.11: Sin is waging war on our soul
 - We must be prepare our minds to fight against sin through our being sober minded (awakened to reality)
 - Our minds must not be lazy
- II. Set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ (v 13b)**
 - The grace mentioned there likely deals with:
 - The inheritance that is kept in heaven for us (v 4)
 - The salvation that is to be revealed in the last time (v 5)
 - Praise and glory and honor that a genuine faith will share in (v 7)
 - Out come of our faith: Salvation of our souls (v 9)
 - Broken Earth should not e our focus, but the future rewards found in Christ in the New Heavens and New Earth
- III. As obedient children do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance (v 14)**
 - We have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer us that lives, but Christ in us
 - This demands that if we have been bought from our sin we must not lean into them
- IV. Christian, Be Holy as God is Holy (v 15-16)**
 - If the God that called us is Holy then it follows that we must be Holy if we are His children
 - To be Holy means to be “set apart”
 - Conforming to His Image or being controlled by His Holiness will quickly set us apart in this world
- V. Conduct yourself w/ fear throughout your time of exile (v 17)**
 - God universally applies His holiness to all: This Impartial standard is the standard for all
 - Living in fear means to be living as though you were living before the face of God with reverence (not personally confident)
- VI. You must Know that you were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ (v 18-21)**

- Christ was foreknown before the foundation of the world
- His blood was unblemished, with no spot...it was the precious blood of Christ that bought us from our enslavement to sin
 - This is more valuable than silver or gold
- He was made manifest and raised for our sake that we might hope in God (v 21)

Questions

Discussion Starter: *Talk about what it would be like to be given instructions to do something if they never explained the justification for those reasons beforehand (i.e. the importance of the “therefore”).*

1. Why would Peter want us to prepare our minds for action in light of the “therefore”? What does this look like?
2. Describe what the “grace” is in vs. 13 and then discuss what this looks like practically. Why would Peter want these exiles to be setting their hope fully on this?
3. Why is it not okay to be conformed by “former passions” in the Christian life? What makes those former passions ‘ignorant’?
4. What does it mean to “be holy”? What does that look like? How does one “be holy” and what
5. What is the standard that God judges impartially towards? Will Christian’s be ‘judged’ in accordance with their deeds? Do our ‘deeds’ matter even if we are in Christ?
6. What is the ultimate difference between the Christian who is Judged and the non-Christian who is judged?
7. What is meant by ‘fear’ there in verse 17? How do conduct yourselves with fear as an exile?
8. What is the significance of vss. 18-21 in light of these commands?
9. How do they inform your life and the fight that is before you?
10. What was Christ’s being made manifest for YOU (Christian) have to do with your daily life...especially in the midst of suffering?
11. Remember that Peter is writing this letter to communities of Christians – not just individual Christians. What role does community play in preparing for action and living a holy life in light of the precious blood of Christ?

Accountability Question: *Working through this list...what is the most difficult in this list to obey?*