

1 2  **Prepare for Battle**

1 Peter 1:13-18

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Holy living in an ungodly world

- The Preparation (1:13-16)
- The Price (1:17-21)
- The Purification (1:22-2:3)
- The Practice (2:4-10)

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1 Peter 1:13-16 -- *Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 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.*

5  **2 commands****3 participles**

- Have hope
 - *When you have prepared your minds for action*
 - *Being sober (self-controlled)*
- Be holy
 - *Not being fashioned (conformed) to this world*
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¹ Young's Literal Translation -- *Wherefore having girded up the loins of your mind, being sober, hope perfectly upon the grace that is being brought to you in the revelation of Jesus Christ, as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves to the former desires in your ignorance, but according as He who did call you is holy, ye also, become holy in all behavior, because it hath been written, 'Become ye holy, because I am holy.*

² 1 Peter 1:13-16

7  **Preparing your minds for action**

- "Gird up your loins"
 - In ancient times people wore long flowing tunics. Around the tunic in the midsection they would wear a girdle (belt). These long garments would get in the way when fighting or working. When the Hebrews went to battle with the Philistines, the men would lift the hem of their tunic up and tuck it into their girdle. This provided more freedom of movement. And the garment would no longer be a hindrance in the midst of hard labor or battle. "Gird up the loins of your mind" is saying "get ready for battle"

8  **Being sober**

- To be vigilant, watchful, prepared
- To be focused, calm, collected in spirit
 - What interferes with our judgment: worry, anger, bitterness, jealousy, and resentment
 - If you try to fight a battle with something else on your mind, then the Enemy overtakes you.

9 **Our Enemy attacks the distracted**

- When our Enemy sees our minds clouded with the distractions of this world he will attack!
- This is why Peter tells us later in this epistle to "*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour*" - 1 Peter 5:8 (The Devil likes easy victims.)

10 **So what should our focus be?**

- "the revelation of Jesus Christ" – Peter mentions the return of Christ 4 times.
 - 1:5 -- *Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*
 - 1:7 -- *That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:*
 - 1: 9 -- *Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.*
 - 1:11 -- *Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

11 **Put your hope completely in God's grace**

- Everything and everyone else will fail you
- Hope = joyful expectation (1st command)
 - Expect Christ's return
 - Expect Christ's reward
 - Expect Christ's to complete your redemption
- Hope cannot be sustained without preparation, partnership, and prayer
- "Unchangeably set your hope on Christ"

12 **As obedient children**

- How do you know when children are being obedient?
 - When they are molding and conforming their behavior to the character of Christ
 - When they are unselfishly serving others
 - When they put the desires and feelings of others above their own
 - When they take joy in being righteous

13 **Not returning to stupid**

- Not being fashioned (conformed) the ignorant lusts of your former life
 - Proverbs 26:11 -- *As a dog returneth to his vomit, So a fool returneth to his folly.*
- Don't be conformed
 - Don't align yourself together with the worlds "schema" = its structure or way of doing things (*syschēmatizomenoi* – also in Rom. 12.2)


14 **Colossians 3:8**

- *But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.*

15 **Let your conduct become holy**

- He fathered you (begat you spiritually)
- He call you
- He redeemed you
- He is your Father and your Redeemer

- It is now time for you to bear resemblance to Him, so “let your conduct become holy”

16  **Lev. 11:44-45**
(cf. 19:2, 20:7)

For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

17  **How big a deal is God’s holiness?**

- *And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. (Rev 4:4-8)*

18  **The Holiness of God**

- *And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: "You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy." (Leviticus 19:1-2)*

19  **Why be holy?**

- We are to be holy because God is holy
- Not an arbitrary, or capricious requirement
- Holiness is to be defined by the nature of God, not the customs of men
- Holiness should be present in every aspect of the Christian’s conduct

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¹ *"Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone."*

² James 1:13

21  **Leviticus 19:35-37**

"You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume. You shall have honest scales, honest weights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them: I am the LORD."

22  **The Sanctification of Man**

- We live in an unclean, unholy society
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- We are called to be sanctified (separate) as the people of God
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- 2 Corinthians 6:17-18

23  **Sanctification**
Definitions

- Sanctify (*hagiazō*)
 - To render or declare sacred or holy, consecrate... (2) to separate from things profane and dedicate to God to consecrate (Thayer)
- Sanctification (*hagiasmos*)
 - "...is used of (a) separation to God... (b) the course of life befitting those so separated..." (Vine)

24  **Sanctification**

Sanctification should be viewed in two ways...

- An absolute sense, as a completed activity. A Christian is sanctified, or set apart from the world when he is baptized. He becomes a saint. In this sense it refers to his relationship with God
- A relative sense, as a process that continues with a view to service. In effect, because a Christian has been set apart from the world as holy, his life must be an example of sanctification (cf. 2 Cor. 7:1)

25  **2 Corinthians 7:1**

"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

26  **Ephesians 1:4**

"Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."

27  **Romans 8:1**

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

28  **1 Timothy 2:8**

"I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."

29  **2 Corinthians 7:1**

"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

30  **Romans 6:19**

"I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness."

31  **Our sin hurts the heart of our Father**

- Illustration of college couple on a date
- Your life will be known by its fruit