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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)

3 **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*

4 **Motivation to holy living**

1 Peter 1:17-21

5 **1 Peter 1:17-19**

17 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: 18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

6 **1 Peter 1:20-22**

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, 21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. 22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

7 **1. Our Paternity**

- God is our Father
 - He loves ALL His children
- He dispenses discipline and justice without partiality
 - All your children are different
 - All have something different to appreciate
 - But all are to be loved unconditionally
- He inspires reverent fear

8 **What makes a child want to be obedient?**

- A father's love and approbation
 - Dads with a harsh or critical spirit lose the hearts of their children

- A focus on principles rather than rules
- A father with an understanding heart
 - Listening to your children
 - Understanding their development and limitations

9 **Are you lost?**
(Luke 15)

- Lost to Safety (Luke 15:4-7)
 - Shepherd looks for the sheep to SAVE him.
- Lost to Service (Luke 15:8-14)
 - Woman look for coin to RESTORE it.
- Lost to Sweetness of fellowship (Luke 15:11 ff.)
 - Father waits for his son who must RETURN and REPENT to enjoy fellowship

10 **Life as a “stranger”**

- Because we fear the loss of sweet fellowship with the Father, we are obedient to Him.
- But obedience to Him makes us “strangers” and “aliens”
 - In the world and to its shifting situational ethics
 - To our former way of life (1 Peter 1:14)

11 **2. Our Payment**

- We were redeemed with the most precious price.
- Someone – JESUS – died in your place
- His blood was shed for you according to a plan God had in place even before the world began.
- The precious price obligates us to live a holy life.

12 **A perfect lamb**

- 1 Corinthians 5:7 -- *Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:*
 - A spotless lamb
 - A special lamb (male, examined for 3 days)
 - A slain lamb
 - A shared lamb

13 **A precious payment**

- You are ransomed with a *precious* price no one else could pay
 - Not silver (which can tarnish)
 - Or gold
 - (Both of which ultimately can perish)
- Illustration of Hosea and Gomer

14 **A preordained sacrifice**

- God loved you so much that He planned to redeem you from your own sins before you were even born – before the world began.
 - Beyond the limits of our understanding

- God's plan came to fruition during "these latter days"
 - Reference to the present time used by Peter 3 times
- Check out: https://youtu.be/WRS_ULKek0U

15 **Daniel 9:24-27**

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

16 **Daniel 9:24-27**

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

17 **God's plan unfolds**

- 4 decrees to rebuild Jerusalem, but only included the command to rebuild the walls (given March 5, 444 B.C. by Artaxerxes Longimanus)
- 49 years to completely restore Jerusalem
- 434 years after that until Christ's death

18 19 **3. Our Proof**

- 1 Peter 1:21
- Christ's resurrection
 - Romans 1:4 -- *And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*
 - 1 Corinthians 15 – resurrected Christ seen by over 500 people
 - Lee Stroebel (*The Case for Christ*) and Josh McDowell (*Evidence that Demands a Verdict*)
- Christ's ascension (and testimony of angels)

20 **Conclusion**

What further incentive do you need to begin living a life of holiness?

- You have a loving Father who loves you as much as He loves anyone. He desires fellowship but also applies discipline
- God has a plan for your life. Don't waste it.
- Jesus, His death, His resurrection, and His coming again are for real. Don't live for anything else.
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