

## Additional Notes:

### **Adult Sunday School (1 Peter) Lesson 3**

1 Pet 1:13-25; 2:1-3: A Christian's Holiness

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#### The Grammar of the Gospel

- *V13: Prepare your minds for action, be sober, and set your hope perfectly on the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*
- The gospel's indicatives— all that God has done for us in Christ— are always the basis for our Christian imperatives— the ways we respond in faith and obedience (cf. Eph 4:32; Jn 13:34; Exo 20:2,3)

#### **1. A clarion call to pursue holiness (v13-16)**

- As obedient children
- The holiness of God
  - Incomparable excellence; set apart
    - Isa 6:3; Rev 15:3,4; Exo 15:11; 1 Sam 2:2
  - The holiness of God is the beauty, the purity, the absolute perfection of who He is eternally.
  - *“Holiness is the beauty of all His attributes. For without holiness His wisdom would be but subtilty, His justice would be cruelty, His sovereignty would be tyranny, and His mercy would be foolish pity”*  
Puritan Edward Leigh

- The holiness of the Christian
  - Set apart wholly unto God (Lev 11:41-46)
- Personal holiness understood in light of God's holiness
  - We take reference from God on what personal holiness means
  - Isa 6:5; Jn 17:17, Eph 5:27

## **2. Godly fear before a Holy God (v17-21)**

- We pass our time in godly fear before the Judge of all the Earth (Jer 23:24), remembering we are sojourners
- Live in godly fear by focusing on our redemption by the death of Christ
  - The precious blood of Christ
  - The hefty cost of our redemption
  - The reminder that sin always has consequences (Rom 6:23, Gen 2:17)
  - God's requirement for holiness (Heb 12:14, Exo 28:36)
- God's redemptive plan for sinners by the work of Christ was foreordained
  - Christ is the Lamb provided by God Himself (Gen 22:8), slain from the foundation of the world (Rev 13:8)

## **3. A love transformed by holiness (v22)**

- Love is the characteristic of a born-again believer (1 Jn 3:14; Jn 13:35)
- A completely transformed love (Lk 10:25-37; Matt 25:40)

## **4. Growing in holiness (1:23 – 2:3)**

- The Word of God
  - The seed of regeneration (Rom 10:17)
  - Incorruptible – it lives and abides forever
- Yearn for the Word of God just as infants crave for the mother's milk
- Determine to put away the sins which hinder our appetite and digestion of the sincere milk of the Word (Jas 1:21)
- God uses His Word as the means to grow us into a full (mature) man (Eph 4:15, 2 Tim 3:17, Acts 20:32)