

Live Obediently in Hope (part III) (1 Peter 1:19-2: 3)

- Christ's coming spurs us on to a living holy hope (1:13)
- The holiness of God gives us this pattern and this demand (1:14-16)
- Judgment of our Father fills us with fear, but the fear that calls on His name (17)

I. The Holiness of Redeemed Believers (1:18-21)

- Answer: redemption. Unless God had made us His we could not gain His holiness
- God claimed us as His own, at a cost which sears our mind with flame of His life
- God the Holy One, has bought back His people as His inheritance.
- Peter highlights costliness of this ransom: precious blood of Christ, Lamb of God
- God's Lamb, perfect, without spot or blemish, sacrificed to ransom us from futility

II. Holiness through the Word of Truth (1:21-2:3)

- Christians: redeemed from empty & guilty past; bound to the Lord & one another

? How does this love Peter speaks of grow and spread?

- God's word renews, cleanses, & matures us for a life of love towards one another
- The love that binds the redeemed, flows from the love of the Redeemer.
- Sinful heart must be replaced by a heart made new with the motives of GRACE.
- Christian love is born as Christians are born: through the truth of the Gospel

? According to Peter, How Are We Born Again?

- Not only are we purified by the Word; also given New Birth by the living Word
- The life that God gives is more than physical; it is the life of the Spirit
- Having been cleansed from malice & deceit & hypocrisy & envy & all slander

? What Grows Us and Matures Us? Peter Affirms The Word Nourishes Us

- The same truth of God that gives us the new birth also nourishes and preserves us.
- If the Word of God is water to wash us, it is also milk to nourish us.

? What kind of spiritual food is God's Word? Peter tells us, it is pure Spiritual milk

- The Word "spiritual" (2:2) – long for the pure spiritual milk"
- And Peter says to us it is the "Word shows us that - Lord is good (vs3)

? How does the Word nourish, mature & effect growth in us? Peter continues...

- It does through Gospel appeals & exhortations: Growth is always growth in faith

? What is -ultimate goal of our nurture, maturity, growth in-Word of God? He says

- The goal of our growth is salvation, the full salvation in Christ through the Gospel