

Feb 11, 2024
The Bridge
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1 Peter 1:17-21

“Stand Up & Stand Out!”
“The Beauty of Holiness” – **Part 2**

Beautiful Salvation: A _____ ! (1-12)

Beautiful Holiness: The “_____” (1:13 to the end)

1. _____ your hope ^^ (1:13)
2. _____ holy (1:15)
3. _____ yourselves in _____ (1:17-21)

★ 1st Motivation: _____ (17)

- Who?
- What?

★ 2nd Motivation: _____ (18-21)

- What? (18-19a)
- Who? (19b-20a)
- When? (20b)
- Why? (20c-21)

Conclusion:

Review Questions (from verses 1:1-16) (previous sermons)

1. In 1st Peter 1:1-12, Peter describes the beautiful salvation that God has brought to us, in spite of our rebellion against Him. Read these verses and list out all of the beautiful facets of salvation that are given. Do you know for sure that those verses are describing you? Why or why not?
2. In verse 1:13, we are commanded to “Fix our hope” on something in the future, based on something done in the past. How would we practically obey this command?
3. Last week Pastor Paul discussed the command to “be holy,” to become more and more like God, who IS HOLY. The command is written in such a way that God is doing the work, but we are participating with Him in the process. What are ways that we participate with Him as He makes us holy?

Discussion Questions (from verses 1:17-21) (this week’s sermon)

4. If you have come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ then, as the Bible teaches, all of your sins have been forgiven: past, present, and future. But the Bible also teaches that we will all face judgment for our deeds. Read Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, 1 Cor 3:10-15, 2 Cor 5:10. How do the truths in these verses help us live our lives now, in fear or in reverence of our Father whom we pray to?
5. In 1st Peter 1:17, the command is for us “during our stay on earth.” Consider the temporariness of that phrase in comparison to the concept of eternity. As you imagine that comparison, how can that practically help you to obey the command to “conduct yourself in fear?”
6. Read 1st Peter 1:18-21. I believe that we are given some very positive motivation to obey the command in verse 17, by learning and remembering something amazing that was provided to us. From these verses, What was provided? Who provided it? When was the provision made? And finally, why was it given?
7. Why is life without Christ “futile” as it says in verse 18? Read Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:11 for some insight on this.
8. Read Exodus 12:1-13 to see what was required to redeem Israel out of their slavery. What happened to those who did not have the blood of a spotless lamb on their doorposts? How does this relate to the blood of Jesus (consider these passages: John 1:25-30; Acts 20:28; Rev 5:8-9)?
9. Our world considers “gold and silver” (or money) to be the most valuable assets in life. They can be used to buy anything and everything. Why are they insufficient to buy someone out of slavery to sin? Why is another person’s blood insufficient to buy someone’s freedom from sin?
10. Consider the words from verse 20, “for the sake of you.” How does that make you feel and what should that cause in you?
11. List several things that people in the world put their faith in. What are some specific problems with putting faith in these things or people? List out some specific blessings of, as Peter writes in verse 21, having “faith and hope in God.”
12. **MEMORIZE 1 Peter 1:17-21.** If you memorize the entire book of 1 Peter by the time Pastor Paul finishes preaching through it, he will give you a relatively valuable prize.