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Summary: This week we will learn how to “be holy as He is holy.”

Step One: Read the Word

“In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” Colossians 2:3

This study uses the Christian Standard Bible translation (CSB), which is provided for you in each lesson in Step One. Please use that version to fill in blanks or answer questions, but you are encouraged to read as many translations as you like in order to get a fuller understanding of the scripture.

In Step One, try to determine the “who, what, where, when or how” of the passage. Look for words that are repeated often, such as “beloved”, “suffering,” “good works” or “chosen.” Circle any key words and underline phrases that stick out to you. Use the column to the right to jot down any notes, scripture references, or questions you might have.

Note: There is an example of how to do Step One in the Introduction to this study. You can also use the “Bible Study Aids” included in the Introduction to gain more understanding of the passage of scripture.

Remember to always pray before you read God's Word, asking the Holy Spirit to open the scripture to your understanding.

Complete Step One by reading and marking up 1 Peter 1:13-25, beginning on the next page.

1 Peter 1:13-25

Christian Standard Bible

A Call to Holy Living

¹³ Therefore, with your minds ready for action, be sober-minded and set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. ¹⁵ But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; ¹⁶ for it is written, **Be holy, because I am holy.** ¹⁷ If you appeal to the Father who judges impartially according to each one's work, you are to conduct yourselves in reverence during your time living as strangers. ¹⁸ For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was revealed in these last times for you.

²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² Since you have purified yourselves by your obedience to the truth, so that you show sincere brotherly love for each other, from a pure heart love one another constantly, ²³ because you have been born again—not of perishable seed but of imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For

**All flesh is like grass,
and all its glory like a flower of the grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.**

And this word is the gospel that was proclaimed to you.

Step 2: Consider the Word

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” Colossians 3:16

Re-read 1 Peter 1:13-25 and answer the questions below. (Remember to use the Christian Standard Bible (CSB) translation provided in Step One to answer).

1. a. Peter begins verse 13 with “therefore,” and then goes on to give a call to holy living. Review verses 1-12 in Chapter One, and write down at least four things God has done for all Christians that might lead to the “therefore” of verse 13:

b. In verse 13, Peter calls on Christians to have their minds ready for action and to be sober-minded. The Greek word for “sober” means: **to be calm and collected in spirit; to be temperate, dispassionate, circumspect, watchful.**

Why do you think it would be important to the persecuted Christians that Peter is addressing in this letter to have their minds in this state of readiness? Is this true of the church today?

c. How would the following verses help in our understanding of what a “sober and ready” mind looks like? Write your answer under each scripture.

2Ti 1:7 CSB: *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.*

Phil 4:8 CSB: *Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable -- if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy -- dwell on these things.*

Psa 86:11 CSB: *Teach me your way, LORD, and I will live by your truth. Give me an undivided mind to fear your name.*

d. How would setting our hope completely on our redemption through grace (v. 13) help us to keep our minds ready and free from worldly distractions, fears or temptations?

2. See verses 14-16.

The Greek word for “holy” that Peter uses means: “to be set apart, sacred, a saint.” All those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior are already holy in God’s sight, because we stand in Jesus’ righteousness (see 1 Cor 3:17, Eph 1:4, Eph 5:27, Col 1:22, Rom 5:1-2).

But 1 Peter 1:14-16 tells us that God also calls us to be holy in our conduct through obedience to His Word. This is our sanctification, as the Holy Spirit enables us to become more and more like Jesus by submitting to Him in humility. Thus, although we are already positionally holy before God, we nevertheless must pursue holiness in our conduct.

a. Look up Leviticus 20:26. What does this tell you about God’s desire for His people even before the New Testament?

b. How does 2 Corinthians 7:1 help us to understand our motivation for our pursuit of holiness?

c. 1 Corinthians 10:31 gives us a practical way in which to pursue holiness in everyday living. Write the verse below:

d. How is a believer in Christ empowered to be holy? (See Galatians 5:16)

e. What challenges do you think the early Christians faced as they tried to be holy in the culture in which they were living?

f. What challenges do Christians face today?

3. See verse 17. Why do you think it is important for Christians to know that God is both Father and impartial Judge?

4. a. According to verses 18-19, what are Christians redeemed from?

b. What were we redeemed with and by whom? (See also verse 23)

5. See verse 22.
 - a. How does Peter say we purify ourselves? What role would that have in our pursuit of holiness?

 - b. Why do you think this leads to a sincere and constant love for our brothers and sisters in Christ?

6. How do you think verses 23-25 confirm this statement:

“There are only two things that are eternal in this world: The Word of God and the souls of men. As Christians, we should invest our lives in both.”

Memory Verse: “...from a pure heart love one another constantly, ²³ because you have been born again—not of perishable seed but of imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God.” (1 Peter 1:22b-23)

Write the memory verse down below:

Step 3: Walk in the Word

“...As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ.” Philippians 1:27

Re-read 1 Peter 1:13-25 and answer the questions below:

1. Has your study of these verses changed your view of your own holiness? Explain your answer below:

2. Think about how you have changed since becoming a Christian. List the areas in your thinking and behavior that have been made more holy by the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise God that you look more like Jesus now than when you first believed! God is faithful!

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Write the memory verse below:

**“...from a _____ heart love one another
_____,²³ because you have been
_____—not of perishable seed but of
_____—through the _____ and _____
word of God.” (1 Peter 1:22b-23)**

What lesson or truth meant the most to you this week?

Journal a prayer below, thanking God for that truth.

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