

① when we last engaged in Bible Study we were discussing 1 Peter 1 Verses 8-16 / We did not complete that portion of Scripture then / but hopefully we can tonight -

Let's Read Verses 13-16 of 1 Peter 1

{ Dear hearts, there are some }
{ things God expects from us - }

Said to say, but many look at God as some Celestial Santa Claus

Giving & Giving & Giving
& Never expecting anything
in return -

But ~~can't~~ that is no more true than the thinking of many who feel they have no obligation whatsoever to support and help in the work of the church - or be faithful to it -

John Kennedy said: Ask not what the Country can do for you, but rather what can you do for the Country

I believe it ought to be the same with the church -

It's Not A One Sided situation

In these 4 verses Peter

list some things that

Must be seen if ~~it is~~ ^{ONE IS}

to be pleasing to God

Peter says

① "Gird up the loins of your mind"

① This speaks of spiritual preparation

② It means putting out of the mind those things that hinder your spiritual growth.

It means "lay Aside" those things that are not of God:

① Worry ② Fears ③ Hate

④ Unforgiveness ⑤ Impurities

You see these attitudes are hindrances to the work of the Holy Spirit of God in the individual.

{ They cause a Christian to become less effective -

{ They also hinder the growth of that individual -

2/ So what Peter is saying to you
and me is this:

"Once you have put off ~~or~~
out of the way // those things
that are contrary to God, you
can be used, effectively of God"
~~But not until~~ (Effectivity is a key word)

② then Peter says "Be sober"
(Calm // ^{or} Collected // ^{or} Stable / Engaged in A
"proper exercise of the mind")

~~It~~ ^{Sober} speaks of "Self-Control"

It also means: "Seeing people
and things as they really are"

I would have to believe Peter
is saying the same thing here
as John when he wrote "Beloved
believe not every spirit, but try
(or put to the test) the spirits,
whether they are of God"

(Seeing people and things as
they really are)

then Peter mentions "Hope"

"Hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ"

"Hope to the End" means "Look with Assurance to the full Completion // Don't doubt as some do // Depend on God"

- ① Look to ~~the~~ hope that is complete
- ② Look to ~~the~~ hope that leaves nothing wanting - *unfulfilled*

"Look To,

"THE Hope that will be complete in the coming of the Lord Jesus"

④ V-14 "Be Obedient" (you are God's children, ACT LIKE IT)
(Pretty plain isn't it)

Peter goes on to remind "Obedient Children of God" that those things that once controlled, should control no longer"

"Fashioning" As used here means :

- 3/
- (A) Assuming the Appearance of :
 - (B) Patting Ourselves After :
 - (C) Or expressing oneself or :

Peter is saying: "If it does not picture the Nature of God, Don't DO IT"

^{The} Habits - ^{The} Manners - ^{The} Dress - ^{The} Speech & ^{The} Behavior must be considered by every child of God —

Peter says: "Before you were saved there is a possibility that you did not know better. Now that you do — ~~now~~ there's no excuse

U-15 The little word "As" has the root idea of Dominion

So He is saying: "Pat yourself in the character of Him who has dominion over you"

And The little word "BE" infers "Becoming" Let's read it like this.

"Because God is Holy, Pattern
yourself in His Character,
For He ^{shall} have dominion over you
Becoming like Him in All things"

The word "Holy" ^{Lev 15} _{AN} the Greek literally
means:

Set Apart - or Separated

Peter is Actually saying: "Don't
Cover up your Character as a
Child of God. The world is
in dire need of knowing
the effect God has on His
"Obedient children" the world
Needs to see it on the Street/
In the Home // In the School //
In the Market place // on the job //
Yes And in the church (Amos)

U-16 This Verse of Scripture comes
from Leviticus 11:44

When God said: "For I
Am the Lord your God: Ye shall
therefore sanctify ~~yourself~~ ^{yourself} (or keep
yourself pure) And Ye shall be Holy

4/ For I Am Holy, neither shall
ye defile yourselves with the
things of the world"

"It is written" / "It has already
been done and you shall
abide by it" (The Command has been
given long before)

Almost 2000 years after God
Spoke these words to Israel
Peter used them as a matter
of record — As unchanging
As the Eternal word of God —

Peter says: "The Record still
stands / God demanded it of
His people then, He demand
it of His people now"

May I Ask: "In light of All God
has done, should He expect
Anything Less" (No)

And in light of All God has done,
"Should we who have been
Saved by His grace be Anything Less" (No)

{ We ought to stop right there and think on what Peter has written to us. —

{ We ought to stop right there and take a real good look at ourselves —

First Have we made "Spiritual Preparations"?

Second Have we laid aside those things that are not of God? Put off those things that are contrary to God —

Third Are ^{we} "Sober" Calm Collected Stable —

Are we seeing people and things as they really are?

Fourth What About our expectations

① Are we sure that God ~~can~~ will do as He promises?

② Are we really depending on God or on man.

5/ Fifth : Are we obedient ?
{ Does our nature reflect the
{ nature of God ?
{ Do our Actions / our
{ Habits / our Behaviour //
{ Magnify God ?

Sixth : Does God have total dominion
over us ?

{ Are we becoming what
{ the demands we become ?

And Finally : "Are we Holy"

Are we different

Are we separate from the world ?

If we can't give 7 positive
Answers we need to make
some changes —

Who says so ? God Does

"As He who has saved you is
Holy, be ye also Holy"

In what ways ? "IN ALL Ways"