

# Sermon Notes

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## We Should Change

1 Peter 1:13-16

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**Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030**

### 1:13 The mental focus necessary to be ready for action

“Having prepared (girded up the loins of) your minds” with the knowledge of what we have through faith in Christ

“Keeping sober-minded.” We can’t let our guard down.

“Fix your hope completely on the grace which is being brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

For us all to keep mentally focused, we need to keep envisioning Christ coming, and all the wonderful things that are going to happen for us at that time. That will help us on a daily basis to act the ways God wants us to act.

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**1:14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former desires which were yours in your ignorance.**

Try to stop letting yourself continue the patterns of our old behaviors, that are based on what you desire, not what God desires.

**1:15 But rather, like He who called you is holy, also you should become holy in all your behavior.**

Set every aspect of your behavior increasingly apart from sin.

**1:16 You shall be holy, because God is holy.**

God himself is the basis for morality, for what is right and wrong.

If you don’t know what the Bible says on a topic, ask:

- 1) Is what you want to do in this situation what you did, or would have done, as a non-Christian?
- 2) How do most people, especially non-Christians, behave in this thing?
- 3) What is God like? What does He do? What did Jesus do?

**Do you care about being an obedient child of God?**

**Do you want to be holy?**

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Suggest to put to memory: 1 Peter 1:14-15

Application questions for 9/17/17 sermon

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(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

How alert would you say you are on an hourly basis that your life is spiritual? How would you describe your awareness or lack of awareness, or what you think about?

What sorts of perspective thoughts do you think should be on our minds, based on 1 Peter 1:1-9?

How do you think your awareness or lack of awareness of those truths affects how you behave?

Have you viewed your Christian life as a process of changing every behavior pattern? If not, has this passage influence you, and how? Or even if you have viewed it somewhat that way, what has this passage added to how you view things?

**(Make sure to make it to this question, and try to have everyone answer.)**

Explain your interest level in being an obedient child of God, and becoming more holy. And what motivates you to want that or not?

What can you do right away to live out your desire to become holy?

Is there some specific behavior that was revealed to you on Sunday, or since, that you feel you need to take action to change? Do you need to learn more what God says about that behavior, and how will you go about that learning?

Regarding that specific behavior, how do you plan to go about changing that behavior? If you've tried to change before without success, is there something different you think you need to do this time?

What do you think about the fact that God himself is the basis for morality, the basis of what is right and wrong? Does that help you in any way, and how?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.

Bonus (if you have time):

Christian gave three tips for if you don't know what the Bible says on a topic:

- 1) Is what you want to do in this situation what you did, or would have done, as a nonChristian?
- 2) How do most people, especially non-Christians, behave in this thing?
- 3) What is God like? What does He do? What did Jesus do? Are those tips helpful, and how?