

Sermon Notes

Behave in Fear

1 Peter 1:17-21

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From last week: Stop letting yourself continue the patterns of our old behaviors. Instead, you should become holy in all your behavior - set every aspect of your behavior increasingly apart from sin.

1:17 If you call upon as Father, the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, then you should behave in fear during the time of your sojourn on earth

Impartial judge - we won't get unjust, preferential treatment, because of our relationship with Him.

Hopefully we are motivated by how good the Father is to us in Christ. But if not, then we should fear His judgement, as an additional motivation.

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1:18-20 You were ransomed out from your futile behavior, with the costly blood of Christ.

Futile = purposeless

The price the Father paid to ransom you out was high.

So if we continue in our lives of sin, and don't live His purposes, how offensive do you think that is to Him?

1:21 You who trust Christ, through Christ, are in right relationship with God, and have the Christian hope of resurrection and salvation. So don't fear not having that.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Related reading: fear and obedience/holiness: 2 Cor. 7:1, Php. 2:12

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Application questions for 9/24/2017 sermon

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(Try to have everyone answer this question, briefly.)

What is something that in the last couple months you have said you wanted to work on, and how are you doing with that?

(Try to have everyone answer this question, at least briefly.)

How motivated are you to be an obedient child of God, just based on what God has done for you in Christ? Said another way, how motivated are you to obey God, based on His love shown for you and your love for Him? Do you think you need other/more motivation?

How often do you think of God as your “Father” and yourself as a “child” in relation to Him? What effect does that have on how you think about Him, think about you in relation to Him, and your responses to Him?

Think about grade school age children. How would you describe their knowledge, wisdom, perspective, in relation to their parents? Do you think those kids accurately see themselves that way?

The way you described those kids, do you tend to think of yourself that way, in relation to God? Do you think you accurately see yourself, how you really are in relation to God?

It was firmly established in the sermon that we are not talking about salvation. You will be saved if you truly trust in Christ. This is about behavior as a saved person. Keep that in mind through the whole discussion.

Have you thought at any time that you can just do whatever you want and God doesn't really care, or maybe He cares but won't really do anything about it, because you are forgiven and saved in Christ? What is your perspective on that now?

(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

How does this apply to you personally, Peter saying, “If you call upon *as* Father, the One who impartially judges according to each one’s work, *then* you should **behave in fear** *during* the time of your sojourn *on earth*.”?

How do you understand how seriously God still takes continued sin in the lives of Christians, and why does He take it that way?

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

What is the main perspective you want to take away from this learning?

What do you want to do differently, right away?

(This question was asked last week, but maybe you didn’t answer it yet.)

Is there some specific behavior that has been revealed to you recently, 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?

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.