

The Cost of Holiness

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1 PETER 1:13-24

Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



In our passage out of 1 Peter chapter one, we are instructed to be holy as God is holy. Being holy does not come easy and does not come without a cost. We will look to identify the cost and the struggle to become holy as our Lord and Savior is holy. This world is temporary and so are the struggles that come with it. Our holiness comes from one that is eternal, thus we will ultimately live in His holiness for eternity. We must embrace that which is eternal and give up that which will perish.



🕒 EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read I Peter 1:13-24 (NET)

¹³ Therefore, get your minds ready for action by being fully sober, and set your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

¹⁴ Like obedient children, do not comply with the evil urges you used to follow in your ignorance,

¹⁵ but, like the Holy One who called you, become holy yourselves in all of your conduct,

¹⁶ for it is written, “***You shall be holy, because I am holy.***”

¹⁷ And if you address as Father the one who impartially judges according to each one’s work, live out the time of your temporary residence here in reverence.

¹⁸ You know that from your empty way of life inherited from your ancestors you were ransomed—not by perishable things like silver or gold,

¹⁹ but by precious blood like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb, namely Christ.

²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was manifested in these last times for your sake.

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

²² You have purified your souls by obeying the truth in order to show sincere mutual love. So love one another earnestly from a pure heart.

²³ You have been born anew, not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

²⁴ For

***all flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of the grass;
the grass withers and the flower falls off,***

🕒 EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN?

1. What does it mean to be holy?

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES