

Stand Firm: Standing Firm in Holiness

Sermon # 4, 1 Peter 1:13-21

Main Point: *Because Jesus paid such a high price for me, I will devote all of my life to Him.*

Getting to Know You

1. What's the most expensive Christmas gift you've ever given or received?

Getting into the Book

Read 1 Peter 1:13

2. Name the truths which are being referred to by the word "therefore."
3. What are some worldly distractions that keep Christians from fixing their hope on the grace to come?
 - a. In what practical ways can you "prepare your mind for action" so your hope stays in the right place?

Read 1 Peter 1:14-16

4. Name some "former lusts" and the "holy behaviors" which should replace them. If you need prompting, see Galatians 5:19-23 and/or Colossians 3:5-9, 12-14.
5. What does it mean to be holy like God is holy? Explain how this is both possible and impossible, at the same time.

Read 1 Peter 1:17-21

6. What does it mean to "fear" God? Why should we have this attitude?
7. What does the word "redeemed" mean? With what were we redeemed? From what were you redeemed?
8. How should the credentials of Christ, mentioned in verses 18-21, cause you to respond?

Getting out There

9. In what area(s) of your life do you especially need to respond to God's command to "be holy"?
10. Why is it crucial that you as a Christian exhibit holiness in your life? See verse 18 and 1 Corinthians 6:20.

Pray

Spend time in prayer as a group, asking God for His grace to develop the holy character He desires you to have. Also, spend time thanking God that He redeemed you at such a high cost, that is, through the precious blood of Jesus.