

1 Peter 1:13-17

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.

Different by Design 1 Peter 1:13-17

I. The Greatest Aspect of God's Nature is Holiness

Revelation 4:8 (HCSB)

"... Day and night they never stop, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is coming."

II. Our Greatest reflection of God's Nature is Holiness

The Pathway to Living Different (Holy):

Mind Prepared

Verse 13 – "...prepare your minds for action."

2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV)

"We...take every thought captive to obey Christ."

Will Controlled

Verse 13b - "...be self-controlled."

• Obedience Pursued

Verses 14-15 "As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do."

"The emphasis of the New Testament is not upon happiness but holiness. God is more concerned with the state of people's hearts than with the state of their feelings. Go to God and tell Him that it is your desire to be holy at any cost and then ask Him to make you holy whether you are happy or not. Be assured that in the end you will be as happy as you are holy; but for the time being let your whole ambition be to serve God and be Christlike."

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Exam Equipped

Verse 17 – "Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear."

2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV)

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done, whether good or evil."

Hope Fixed

Verse 13 – "Set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed."

