



- 13 ...with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.
- 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.
- 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;
- 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."
- 17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. 1 Peter 1:13-17 (NIV)

● As christ followers, we are here on a work Visa.

- 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think...Romans 12:2 (NLT)

- 13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.
- 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

**Preparing to be different:**

● Prepare ourselves mentally for a different life.

- 13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 1 Peter 1:13 (NIV)

- 13 So roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives. 1 Peter 1:13 (MSG)

● Prepare ourselves spiritually for a godly life.

- 14 So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then.

- 15 But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy.

- 16 For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:14-16 (NLT)

- Living holy isn't the path to knowing Christ.
- Knowing Christ is the path to living Holy.

● Prepare to be accountable for this life.

- 17 And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time as "foreigners in the land."

1 Peter 1:17 (NLT)

**Why holiness matters to God:**

● God paid a big price for you.

- 18 For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver.

- 19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

- 20 God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but he has now revealed him to you in these last days. 1 Peter 1:18-20 (NLT)

**Expressions of different:**

● Get serious about love.

- 22 You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart. 1 Peter 1:22 (NLT)

● Get rid of the old behavior.

- 1 So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. 1 Peter 2:1 (NLT)

● Get thirsty for God.

- 2 Desire God's pure word as newborn babies desire milk. Then you will grow in your salvation. 1 Peter 2:2 (GWT)

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Here are some questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for your personal time with God.*

- What spoke most to you from Sundays Talk? Explain.
- Why do you believe is is essential for us to be different? What does different look like?
- What does it mean to "prepare ourselves mentally to be different"?
- Is holiness something you strive for? What does holiness mean?
- How can you life differently, knowing you will be held accountable for how you live in this world?
- How did God pay such a high price for you? Why did He do this this? Knowing this, does that inspire you to be different?
- Read 1 Peter 1:22 - How do we get serious about loving others?
- What does it mean to you to get rid of "Old behavior"?
- What does it mean to get thirsty for God? How does a thirst for God move us to a different life?
- What is God saying to you about being different?

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