



The Epistles of Peter  
1 Peter 1:13-22  
From sermon 10.19.25

Read *1 Peter 1:13-22*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: We returned to cover that portion of 1 Peter 1 that we skipped last week. Keep in mind that is section on righteous living is "bookended" inside the indispensability of Scripture. God the Holy Spirit has already made it clear (as has history) that trials and tribulations are going to come to God's elect on earth. To encourage and strengthen believers, Peter admonishes them/us unto holy living. This will eliminate the suffering due to our own sin and be our witness to our persecutors of holy God.

1. Review each practical "Cause & Effect/Effect & Cause" from this section.

- Effect: Gird your minds, be sober in Spirit, & Fix your hope
- Cause: Jesus is coming back
- Effect: Do not be conformed to former lusts—be holy
- Cause: God is holy
- Effect: Conduct yourselves in fear
- Cause: God will judge all
- Effect: Continually remember the price of your redemption
- Cause: Jesus bought you with an Immeasurable cost

2. The purpose of Peter's letters is to encourage believers in the midst of tribulations. However, when we discussed the causes of trials (Sept. 28 sermon), we noted that the #1 cause is my own sinful choices. What portions of this section of key text address our own conduct and righteousness. Almost all of it. Terms: Obedient children. Not conformed to former lusts. Be holy. God's going to judge. Purify your souls.

See also *1 Peter 4:12-16*

3. Peter's admonishment to persecuted believers is to "be holy as God is holy". (See *Leviticus 19:2*). How has the modern church lost the truth and weight of the holiness of God? They had made Him in our image. They define God as they want Him to be. They say He is only love, grace, acceptance, & tolerance. This always goes hand-in-hand with also missing the utter sinfulness of man.

4. On Sunday, we also examined the doctrine of the judgment of believers. Was this your first time hearing this? Does it unsettle you? Various Personal Answers. If so, why do you suppose that is?

See also *1 Corinthians 3:11-15* & *2 Corinthians 5:9-10*

4a. What are the differences in this judgment of believers versus the judgment of unbelievers? The judgment of believers does not determine salvation. The only way to be at the judgment of believers...is to be a genuine believer. This judgment determines reward and role in the Kingdom.

Believer

Sin is not included. All sin was paid for by Christ  
All good works are evaluated

Unbeliever

All sin is included. It must be paid for.  
No good works are evaluated.  
They contribute nothing. See *Isaiah 64:6*