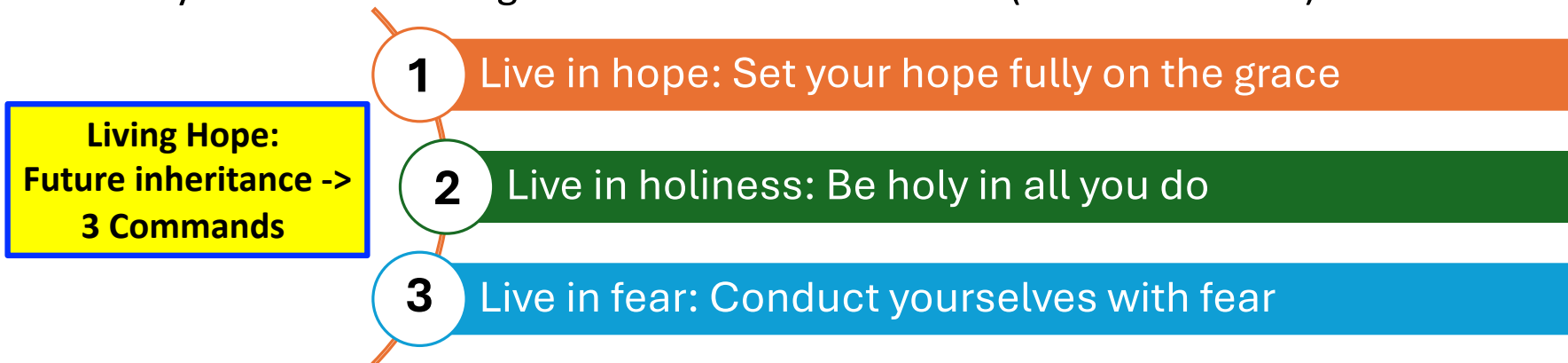


Hope & Holiness (1 Peter 1:13-23)

Finding Hope in a
Hopeless World

The Commands to Hope and Holiness

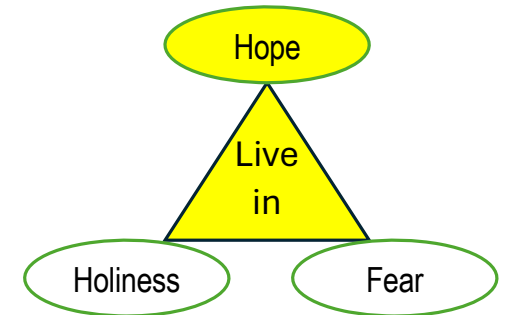
- Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. 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).



Hope leads Holiness

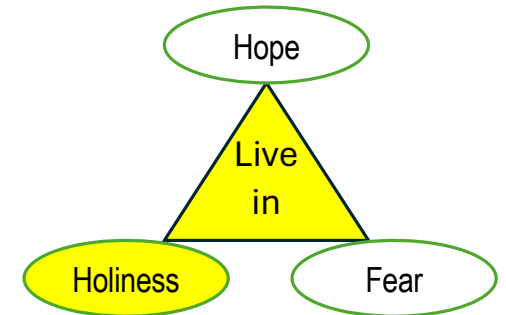
- Holiness (qudesh, hagios)
 - Otherness; Set apart; Separate; Reflecting God's absolute moral purity and perfection.
 - I am God and not a mere mortal. I am the Holy One living among you (Hosea 11:9b).
- Holiness is God's main character
 - There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God (1 Samuel 2:2).
 - Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory (Isaiah 6:3).
- Holiness is rooted in identity in Christ
 - Through Christ, Christians receive a positional identity of holiness.
 - God's holiness is imputed to us through Jesus because of His perfect life and atoning death on the cross.
- Hope and holiness are connected
 - Our pursuit of holiness is motivated by the hope we have in Christ's return and future grace (inheritance, 1 Peter 1:4).

Live in Hope



- Place your complete trust on God's future grace
 - **Set your hope** on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming (1 Peter 1:13b).
 - Why we live in hope? Because the future salvation, eternal life and transformation will be fully realized when Jesus is revealed.
 - It is a command that we feel full, strong hope that when Jesus comes again, we will experience grace.
- Why is this important?
 - It helps believers endure suffering, knowing their true inheritance is secure.
 - It encourages living a holy life in the present, as it transforms desires and shapes behavior to align with God's character.
 - It contrasts with a mere wish or fleeting desire, emphasizing a realistic and confident expectation of God's promised goodness and eternal kingdom.

Live in Holiness

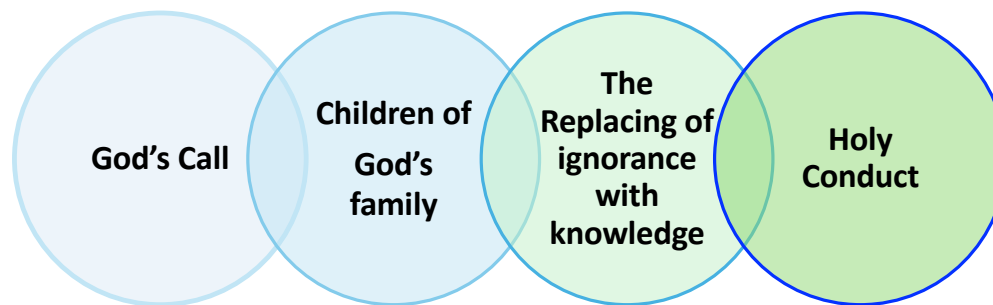


- **Be holy in all you do** (1 Peter 1:15)
 - This command requires moral purity in thoughts, words, and actions, embracing a new identity in Christ, and allowing the Holy Spirit to empower the believer to live according to God's will.
- Holiness is your identity (positional to experiential identity)
 - We do not achieve holiness through our own willpower or human effort, but rather by yielding to the Holy Spirit, who provides the power for transformation.
 - Christians should be set apart, dedicated, and pure in all aspects of life – thoughts, words, and actions.
- What 'living in holiness' means
 - Reflecting God's character: Be holy because I am holy (1 Peter 1:16) -> Your life should mirror God's own character, love, and compassion.
 - Experiential identity: Living a holy life is a way of demonstrating that one has been transformed by God's grace and is striving to be like Him.

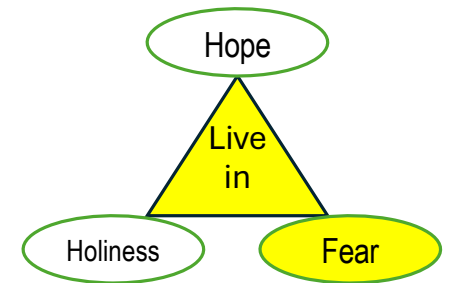
Live as Obedient Children of God

- Holiness is Obedience to God
 - 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 (1 Peter 1:14-15)
 - Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will (Romans 12:2)

Four Steps of Holiness



Live in Fear



- Living a life that honors God
 - 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 1:17).
- Fear
 - A reverent awe and submission to God.
 - Recognizing God's power, glory, and attributes, leading to a humble respect for Him.
 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge (Proverbs 1:7).
- Living in fear, why?
 - Our relationship with God is a relationship between a child and a Father who has proven His love for us and prepares the inheritance He has promised us in heaven.
 - He judges our conduct impartially and individually. He sees if we are living as holy people or if our decisions are still guided by our past, selfish desires.
 - We should live in a way that honors our Father, with a deep respect and reverence for His guidance and expectations, not out of a fear of punishment, but out of a desire to please Him.

The Truth of Redemption (1 Peter 1:14-23)

- **Redemption**: To gain back something lost, by paying a price or fulfilling an obligation.
- What were we redeemed from? **Sin**.
 - From lust (evil desire): Do not conform to the evil desires you had (1 Peter 1:14a).
 - From ignorance: When you lived in ignorance (1 Peter 1:14b).
 - From futility: it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold (1 Peter 1:18a).
 - From tradition: You were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors (1 Peter 1:18b).
- What were we redeemed with? **Blood of Jesus**
 - But with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect (1 Peter 1:19).
- What was the consequence of the redemption? **Born Again**
 - For you have been born again...through the living and enduring word of God (1 Peter 1:23).
- What should we do? **Obey the Truth**
 - Obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other...from the heart (1 Peter 1:22).

Practical Application

- Prepare your mind
 - Cultivate a sober and alert mind, ready for spiritual battle.
 - Engage in daily spiritual disciplines.
 - Remind yourself of who you are in Christ and the hope you have in Christ.
- Reject old patterns
 - Identify and actively turn away from former habits or sins that try to regain control.
 - Seek accountability from trusted fellow believers.
- Obey God's Word
 - Embrace and submit to God's call to be holy, seeing it as a joyful duty rather than a burden.
- Focus on future grace
 - Remember that the trials is temporary.
 - Set your mind on the future hope of being with Christ, free from all sin.