

Not Home Yet: A Study of 1 Peter

Holiness – 1 Peter 1:13-21 (p. 1014)

Peter shows us that holiness is not a religious burden but the grateful pursuit of those rescued and ransomed by the blood of Christ. Holiness is being set apart by God, for God. So, when we hear the command to “be holy as I am holy,” we hear an invitation to the life God desires and to which the Spirit empowers us to live—even while we are *not home yet*.

Because we have hope, we prepare our minds for action (1:13)

Because we are children, we resist the old life (1:14)

Because God is holy, we pursue holiness (1:15-16)

Because God is Father and Judge, we live as engaged exiles (1:17)

Because Christ ransomed us, we no longer belong to sin (1:18-21)

Reflection and Action: Considering what Christ has done for me, what part of my life needs to more fully be set apart for God?