

## First Peter Series #5 "Honouring The Father" 1 Peter 1:17-21

Last Sunday our focus...need for us to be holy...&..want to continue..focus

For one...discovered then...this holiness...God wants to see..**This** purity of is not auto active...**The** old nature...remains strong..to trip..make..way less

An OT example....Isa 6...**find** myself as..Pastor..appreciating..frustration/pain..Isaiah when..faced...holiness of...**For** his thoughts imm...on his speaki 6:5 ***"I'm doomed! Everything I say is sinful, and so are the words of everyone around me.***

Isaiah..a priest..& I'm sure if others...been asked...words..way of speaking commended him...**esp** when compared...**But** in light..God's holiness..Isaiah knew..his words-corrupted by...**fell incred** short of God's holiness.

He realized...God's holiness...**beyond** man's own...& of course God knows **And** He only calls....to be holy **because**...placed w/in every..**person** of God

And when...Spirit..in control...holiness of lifestyle 2happen--**We are** pure in motives..intentions...**Pure**..thinking...doing... Pure..what ..avoid &the habits

That is why ...it is so important...pay attention...command in Eph 5:**18**  
***Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,***

Leighton Ford tells...visit ...Billy Graham....**His** guide told.....**MR** Graham asked, "**How** long...been since...put someone out..church for not being filled His guide looked startled... **So** Mr Graham contin.." The Bible says, "Don't get drunk...BUT..same verse..**"Be filled**..The positive...just as binding..as

**To daily seek**...this filling...control...Spirit over our lives...**only** way that we can pursue holiness....& to seek that filling of...**is** not a hard thing to do.

**Robert Morgan**..writing...Oswald Chambers..**tells**..time when Chambers sought that infilling...based on...promise of Luke 11:13....

***<sup>13</sup> If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!***

**He went on to say**...afterwards Chambers said:

***"I had no vision of heaven or of angels; I had nothing. I was as dry and empty as ever, no power or realization of God, no witness of the Holy Spirit. Then I was asked to speak at a meeting and forty souls came out to the front! I came to realize that God intended me, having asked, to simply take it by faith, and that power would be there. I might see it only by the backward look, but I was to reckon on the fact that God would be with me."***

**That also applies**...our being holy... **If** we ask God..HS..to work..holiness in us...**HE** will do so more&...**even** if we only see..by the backward look on

**Yet getting back...**Peter...saying about being holy...**does** seem to me that Peter..**aware** that some...would question..need...to seek a holy life..**when** it was clearly so hard...**Already**...were strangers...**Now** as Christians..being asked...stand out even...**by** living holy...that would label...as goody goodies

**Better than**..Holier than....**Living as a Christian**..surely not be this difficult  
**So Peter goes on to say in v17-19**

***Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.<sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,<sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.***

**It's here..Peter gives 2..reasons for seeking holiness...**1. Because** we are accountable...heavenly Father...way we live...**&2...because**..great cost Jesus **to redeem**...from an old life...going nowhere..**&to** give...new holy life.. that **now called to display before others****

**That first...**well portrayed by Pattersen's...**of v17**..Message version

***You call out to God for help and he helps—he's a good Father that way. But don't forget, he's also a responsible Father, and won't let you get by with sloppy living.***

**There is a good..strong emphasis thro...**that God** as our loving..is always there for us..... **Always** ready to hear... and answer our prayers.**

**But the other side..is that we...here to be His children..**&**..act..such a way that...don't disappoint.....**Every** parent...understands...**We** lavish love..care upon our children..**then**...send them out..into..expecting..act..way..not let**

**I** ...remember occasions...**be** told by my parents..as I went to visit...**as** a child..now watch your behavior...**Remember** what..have taught..  
Dont forget **that you are a Hall and act like one.**

**And if I didn't behave**...&they heard...& got upset with..I recognized.. that they were justified...being so... **As** my parents they had..right to make a judgment about my behavior...&..complement..when..**pull** me back into line

**And in a similar way**..we...have accepted...graciousness of God as..Father must also accept that we...accountable to...for the way..live our lives here

**His judgment**..same for all..**and** it is of our work...singular..**relates to the holy purpose He has for our life.**

**To live our time here**...reverent fear...**not** mean...live in dread of..**but** to respect His right as Our Father..**to** expect us..aim for holiness in all we do

**The second reason why**...need to take seriously.. God's command for us to be holy... **is because of**...price paid by God the...to redeem us.

Verse 18 says: <sup>18</sup> ***For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.***

**In those days**..not uncommon...a man..**sold** into...as payment for debts **Suddenly**...no longer a free...with...purpose in life..future..himself..in charge but the property...He belonged compl..only meaning..left...be their slave till In most cases...could not even earn...own freedom

**His only hope** was for another..buy his freedom for..**To** redeem him.

**Our natural state**...one of slavery..**We** had no power..choose another life  
**future....Sin**...our constant companion thro life...&death followed..judgment  
**To live..holy life...pleasing to God.... was way beyond us.**

**Then Jesus came..**paid..price ...our freedom...**He** gave..right to become  
God's children...privilege..living lives...not only pleased..fulfilled His purpose

**But that price**..nothing small like silver...**It was** the precious..**p**erfect sacr  
**The** lamb of God... who laid down His life... that we might live.

**I know that I still..** cannot fully understand..price Jesus paid..give me life  
but I do look back...afternoon..gained a greater understanding..shook.. core

**It was some years**...had sat in a cinema..watched the Passion..**And** at..  
the end..could not trust myself...**speak to anyone.**

**And as I reflected**...on that exp...**it** was not..graphic imagery..did..to me  
**But...presence** of Christ speaking into..my heart..**saying**

**That and more..** was what I...**prepared to offer for you.... Is** it too much  
**I ask when**...call you...to live daily your life for me?

**To strive to be holy.** To be pure. **To make** a difference in this world.

**And in response...**could only say.

**Lord I want to. Lord I need to. Lord help me to do so.**

**For in the final conclusion...**greatest incentive for us to live holy lives by the power of...comes down to...price Jesus willingly..make each..His own

**Something so wonderful...**should cause each...**to ask** Him each day to change our hearts...lives until...**become more like His.**