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The Heart of Christ: Purity

I Peter 1:13-21



1. In I Peter 1:1-12, there are NO commands – just a litany of blessings the believer receives from being in Christ. But I Peter 1:13 starts with “Therefore” and in Bible study when you see the word “therefore,” you should always ask yourself what it is there for. Using this literary device, Peter is saying to believers - based on what God has done for you, how should you respond? Peter then proceeds, through the guiding hand of the Holy Spirit, to give three commands:
 - “Set your hope fully” (13)
 - “Be holy” (14-16)
 - “Conduct yourselves with fear” (17)

What do these commands mean for you? List as many blessings as you can find in I Peter 1:1-12 that describe what God has done for us:

2. The first and last songs recorded in the Bible deal with God’s holiness. Look them up and record what you observe and draw spiritual conclusions for yourself:
 - Exodus 15
 - Revelation 15

3. In today’s passage (I Peter 1:13-21), note every reference to God our Savior’s purity and holiness and write them down. Meditate and reflect on them, praying back to God your thankfulness for Christ and also tell God how the purity of Christ has challenged/ encouraged/compelled you:

Connection Card Next Steps: I Peter 1:14-16

I will get alone with God and determine whether I fear displeasing others MORE than I fear displeasing God, and if so repent.
I will confess my lack of holiness to God and seek an accountability partner, a friend who will hold me accountable to please God with my life.