

Sermon: Be Holy

Text: I Peter 1:13-21 ESV

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Introduction: We are in a war that is like no other. It is cosmic in scope (all around us) and eternal in its consequences. It requires God's people to be ready for the "coming salvation." The requirements are revealed in God's strategy for all of us who follow Him.

I. Our Minds Must Be _____ (v. 13).

- A. For _____
- B. For _____
- C. For Christ's _____

II. Training Is Critical for _____ (vv. 14-17).

- A. Do not conform to evil _____ (v. 14).
- B. Practice _____ (vv. 15-16).
- C. Remember to Whom you _____ (v.17).

III. The Battle Plan Was _____ (vv.18-21).

- A. The plan was at great _____ (vv. 18-19).
- B. God's plan has stood the test of _____ (v. 20).
- C. The plan has been _____ successful (v. 21).
- D. The plan has visible results in the _____ (v. 21).

Conclusion: Lord, help us to be holy. Help us to want to please our Father - to be holy for Him and by His power. And more than anything, help us to want what God wants for us! - In Jesus' Name, Amen.

He wants us to be wholly (holy) devoted to Him!

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Called to Be Holy

13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action,[a] and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." 17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Footnotes:

[a] I Peter 1:13 Greek *girding up the loins of your mind*