

Gospel Culture: Get HOLY
Text: 1 Peter 1:13-25

Gospel CULTURE = Gospel SHAPED and TRANSFORMED attitudes, values, goals, and practices SHARED by Jesus followers; THE WAY

A COMMAND to BE HOLY: 1 Peter 1:15

- 1) **What is Holiness?**
 - a) **NON-CONFORMITY to the WORLD (being DIFFERENT):** 1 Peter 1:14; Romans 12:2a
 - **Genuine non-conformity will often result in surprise, misunderstanding and attacks:** 1 Peter 4:4
 - b) **CONFORMITY to CHRIST (being LIKE JESUS in our attitudes, values, goals, actions):** Romans 8:29 See also: 2 Cor. 3:18
 - c) **CONSECRATION (being SET APART by God for His PURPOSES):** Leviticus 11:44a
- 2) **What does holiness LOOK LIKE in REAL LIFE?**
 - a) **Genuine, sincere, LOVE:** 1 Peter 1:22. See also: 1 Peter 4:8-9
 - b) **Getting RID of sinful RELATIONAL HABITS:** 1 Peter 2:1
 - c) **Increasing DESIRE FOR GOD and SPIRITUAL MATURITY:** 1 Pt 2:2
 - d) **ABSTAINING from sinful, natural desires:** 1 Peter 2:12
 - e) **LEAVING your sinful past ACTIONS and UNBELIEFS behind you:** 1 Peter 4:2-3
 - f) **DYING to who we once WERE so we can LIVE to RIGHTEOUSNESS (God's RIGHT standard):** 1 Peter 2:24

3 MOTIVATIONS to be HOLY:

- 1) **We WILL be JUDGED:** 1 Peter 1:17; Hebrews 4:13. See also: Matthew 12:36; Romans 3:19, 14:12; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 4:5
- 2) **We were REDEEMED (BOUGHT - our lives are NO LONGER OUR OWN) and re-MADE HOLY:** 1 Peter 1:18-19
 - a) **God alone can CLEANSE us from our sinful UNHOLINESS:** Isaiah 6:5-7
 - b) **While we were still sinners, Christ DIED for us so that WE CAN ENTER the presence of a HOLY GOD:** 1 Peter 3:18. See also: Colossians 1:21-22
- 3) **We're CHILDREN of a HOLY GOD (IF we place our TRUST in Jesus work on the cross):** 1 Peter 1:14, 16-17a; Isaiah 6:1-3; 2 Corinthians 6:17-18. See also: John 1:12-13; Revelation 21:7

The POWER to be HOLY comes from

- 1) **A PAST new BIRTH through the Gospel (Good News):** 1 Peter 1:23, 25b. See also: 1 Peter 1:3; John 3:3-8
- 2) **A PRESENT FAITH and HOPE in our LIVING SAVIOR, JESUS:** 1 Peter 1:20-21
- 3) **The ONGOING encouragement of our Gospel-CULTURED COMMUNITY:** 1 Peter 2:9
- 4) **The INDWELLING WORK of the HOLY SPIRIT:** 1 Peter 1:2b. See also: 1 Peter 1:12, 4:14
- 5) **An EXPECTATION of FUTURE GRACE:** 1 Peter 1:13; Philippians 1:6; 2 Corinthians 7:1. See also: 1 Peter 5:10; Philippians 2:12-13; 1 Thessalonians 4:7-8; Hebrews 12:4

Use these "Gospel In Life" questions this week

to help you and your friends REFLECT on and APPLY this message!

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?
- 6) **PREPARE for NEXT WEEK:** Read Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:7-11