

LIVING AS PILGRIMS

Three Admonitions

TEXT: 1 Peter 1:13-25

INTRODUCTION:

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17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because

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What is Peter telling his fellow sojourners?

Therefore – In light of your inheritance that came by grace to you and can never be lost

gird up the loins of your mind – tuck the hem of the garment in your belt and ready yourself for work, specifically the work of your mind (why mind, mind of Christ)

be sober – be clearheaded

and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ – rest, set, your hope completely on the grace given to you by Jesus when He was revealed.

as obedient children, - do those 3 things as an obedient child

not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, - not living like you used to when lost

as in your ignorance – when you did not fully know God's truth

but as He who called you *is* holy, - but be different, set apart, just as God is

you also be holy in all *your* conduct – let everything you do reflect that difference

because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." - because that is what He commanded.

Put that together:

Get your mind ready for work and be clearheaded, planting your hope on the foundation stone of grace that Christ brought to your life. Do this as an obedient child, not living like you used to before you were saved and did not know any better, but by being distinctive in the same way God is distinctive, even in everything you do.

2. 17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He

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Putting it together:

If you pray to God as your Father, who knows us and shows no favoritism, then live your lives as temporary residents on this earth with reverence, knowing that you were not saved by things that perish away, even things we think of as valuable like silver and gold, but by the most valuable thing imaginable, the very

blood of the one and only Son of God, who was like a perfect, sacrificial lamb. Before any of the universe was formed, it was agreed that He would be that sacrifice; but only in recent times was it made known, for your benefit, who believe in God because of Him, for God raised Jesus from the dead. Therefore, as you trust in Christ, you also trust in God.

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Since you have cleansed your mind, will, and emotions by obeying the truth of God’s Word, which came by the Holy Spirit, out of His love for believers, then love your fellow believers passionately with a pure heart, because you have been born from above not by means of perishable things, but eternal things, through the Word of God which ever lives and lasts forever.

For as the Scripture says, all the outwardly good things of man are like flowers and grass, that wither and pass away. But God’s Word lasts forever.

The heart of that Word that came to you is the gospel.