



#2 Called to Holiness

I Peter 1:13-2:3

Peter 1:13(NIV) Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

I Peter 1:17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

I Peter 1:22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵but the word of the Lord endures forever.” And this is the word that was preached to you.

I Peter 2:1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ²Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Identity Shapes Behavior

1. IDENTITY: KNOW Who You Are!

- A. Sojourners in a foreign land 1:1
- B. A Chosen, Sanctified, and Cleansed People 1:2
- C. A Born-Again People 1:3-5
- D. A Saved People 1:5-9
- E. A Blessed People 1:10-12
- F. Our Father’s Children 1:14-17
- G. A Redeemed People 1:18-20
- H. A Believing People – 1:21
- I. A Purified People 1:22

2. BEHAVIOR: LIVE Who You Are!

A. HOLY THINKING: The Sojourners MINDSET is Different

Prayer: “Lord God, I repent of my unholy thinking which I’ve allowed to be conformed to this world, mostly focused on Me and Mine instead of You and Yours and Theirs. Forgive me for Christ’s sake, and cleanse me of an ungodly mind bent on gratifying my fleshly desires rather than pleasing my good Father Who has made every provision for my holiness.”

B. HOLY LIVING: The Sojourners LIFESTYLE is Different

1) Don’t allow old evil desires to shape you any longer 1:14

2) Live devoted to God “Be holy” 1:15-21

Prayer: “Lord Jesus, I am so sorry for taking Your sacrifice so lightly. I have to admit I’ve turned back to some of my old ways, even though you suffered and shed your blood to free me up from all that. Please forgive me for the sinfulness that I’ve let creep into my lifestyle. Strengthen me now by your Spirit to renew my zeal for the kind of living that reflects well upon you and our Father.”

C. HOLY LOVING: The Sojourners RELATIONSHIPS are Different

What We Share in Common? Or How We Are Different?

- We all share in the reality of being forgiven 1:22
- We all share a spiritual family bond 1:22
- We all share the born-again experience 1:23
- We all share a common source of new life: the Word of God 1:23

AGAPE Killers...

1Peter 2:1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

“malice” – ill will, viciousness which is bent on doing harm to others

“deceit” – guile, treachery, betrayal, disloyalty, trickery

“hypocrisy” – pretending, posing, mask-wearing

“envy” – displeasure over another’s good fortune

“slander” – insults, gossip, tearing others down behind their back, ruining their reputation in the eyes of others

Prayer: *Father in heaven, I’ve let these weeds of sin grow in my heart to the point where my love for _____ has been choked out. It’s just not there. I find myself wishing for their harm, their demise, instead of praying and working for their flourishing and joy. Forgive me, Lord. This is evil, and unbecoming of one who has tasted of Your unconditional love. Cleanse me from this sin, I pray, and begin Your work of softening my heart towards them. Please prompt me to take a step of Agape Love towards them even today. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

D. HOLY FOOD: The Sojourners DIET is Different

- A. The Command: Cultivate a desire for God’s Word 2:2 “Crave pure spiritual milk”
- B. The Example: Babies at feeding time 2:2 “like newborn babies”
- C. The Purpose: Spiritual Growth 2:2 “so that by it you may grow up in your salvation”
- D. The Motivation: Prior experience of God’s goodness 2:3 “now that you have tasted that the Lord is good”

The Irony of The Spiritual Diet

- When we eat physical food, we become satisfied;
- But when we eat spiritual food, we become hungry.
- When we go without physical food, we become hungry;
- But when we go without spiritual food, we become satisfied

Prayer: *“Father, if I’m being honest I’ve been feeding my soul with lots of things, but it’s mostly just junk food. I confess that I’ve been neglecting Your holy Word, which is really foolish on my part. Forgive me, Lord, for valuing Your Word so little. Spirit of God help me cultivate my spiritual appetite so that I long for and look forward to spending time in the Word of God so that I might grow again. Thank you for loving me despite my shortcomings. Amen.”*

Bring your sins to the cross.

Partake of communion with a clean heart!

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