

# First Peter

## 1 Pet. 1:13-21

1 Pet. 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.



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#### 1. His fatherly character, 1:13-16

##### a. Our responsibility, 1:13

(1) A new focus, 1:13a “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober...”

1 Kgs. 18:46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and **he girded up his loins, and ran** before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.  
(Jer. 1:17, Luke 17:8, Jn. 21:18, Acts 12:8)



Eph. 6:14 Stand therefore, **having your loins girt about with truth**, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Psa. 119:28 My soul melteth for heaviness: **strengthen thou me according unto thy word.**

1 Thess. 5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and **be sober**....

8 But let us, who are of the day, **be sober**, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

1 Pet. 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and **watch** unto prayer.

1 Pet. 5:8 **Be sober**, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:



(2) A new future, 1:13b "...and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;"

Titus 2:10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

11 For **the grace of God** that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**

13 **Looking for that blessed hope,** and **the glorious appearing** of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;



2 Tim. 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but **according to his own purpose and grace**, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Rom. 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time **are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

b. Our relationship, 1:14-16

(1) Our relationship stated, 1:14a “As obedient children...”

Eph. 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, **as dear children**;  
2 And **walk in love, as Christ** also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.



2 Cor. 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

6 And **having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.**

(2) Our relationship studied, 1:14b-16

(a) We are to crucify our old lusts, 1:14b-c

i. A warning against indulgence, 1:14b  
“...not fashioning yourselves...”

Original Word: συσχηματίζω

Transliteration: suschématizó

Short Definition: I conform to

Properly, assuming a similar *outward* form (expression) by following the same *pattern* (model, mold). <http://biblehub.com/greek/4964.htm>



Rom. 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

ii. A warning against ignorance, 1:14c  
“...according to the former lusts in your ignorance:”

Acts 17:23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. ... 30 And **the times of this ignorance** God winked at; but **now commandeth all men every where to repent:**

Eph. 4:18 Having the **understanding darkened**, being alienated from the life of God through **the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:**



(b) We are to cultivate our new life, 1:15-16

i. The New Testament call to be holy, 1:15

1 Pet. 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so **be ye holy in all manner of conversation;**

Original Word: ἀναστροφή

Transliteration: anastrophé

Definition: dealing with other men, conduct, life, behavior, manner of life.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/391.htm>

1 Pet. 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain **conversation** received by tradition from your fathers;



1 Pet. 2:12 Having your **conversation** honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Pet. 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

2 While **they behold your chaste conversation** *coupled* with fear. ...

16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your **good conversation in Christ**.

2 Pet. 2:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with **the filthy conversation of the wicked**:



2 Pet. 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to **be in all holy conversation** and godliness,

1 Tim. 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in **conversation**, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

ii. The Old Testament command to be holy,  
1:16

1 Pet. 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.



Lev. 11:44 For I *am* the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and **ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy**: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

45 For I *am* the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: **ye shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy.**

Lev. 19:2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, **Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy.**

Lev. 20:7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and **be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God.**



## 2. His fearful character, 1:17

a. We may approach Him, 1:17a “And if ye call on the Father...”

b. We must apprehend Him, 1:17b-c

(1) How impartial is His nature, 1:17b “...who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work...”

Rom. 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

Eph. 6:9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.



Rom. 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for **we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.**

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then **every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**

2 Cor. 5:10 For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ;** that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

(2) How imperative is our need, 1:17c "...pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear:"



2 Cor. 5:11 **Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men**; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

## B. The Cross of Christ, 1:18-21

### 1. The price of redemption, 1:18-19

#### a. An insufficient offering, 1:18

- (1) An inadequate medium of exchange, 1:18a  
“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold...”
- (2) An inadequate means of escape, 1:18b “...from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;”



Rom. 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and **death by sin**; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Rom. 6:23 For **the wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Heb. 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy **him that had the power of death, that is, the devil**;

b. An infinite offering, 1:19

(1) Its inestimable value, 1:19a “But with the precious blood of Christ...”

(2) Its inexpressible virtue, 1:19b “...as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:”



1 Cor. 6:20 For **ye are bought with a price**: therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

2. The plan of redemption, 1:20-21

a. As to the past purpose of God, 1:20a “Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world...”

b. As to the present period of grace, 1:20b-21

(1) What we believe, 1:20b-21a

1 Pet. 1:20b “...but was manifest in these last times for you,  
21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory...”

(2) Why we believe, 1:21b “...that your faith and hope might be in God.”



## Conclusion

1 Thess. 1:3 Remembering without ceasing **your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ**, in the sight of God and our Father;

1 Thess. 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, **be sober**, putting on the breastplate of **faith and love**; and for an helmet, **the hope** of salvation.