

## A Sober Call for Holy Living 1 Peter 1:13-17

Peter gives a series of imperatives concerning the lifestyle of those who identify themselves as Christ followers. They are living in a pagan Roman Empire, scattered throughout due to persecution. It might become tempting for them to adapt, to conform to their surroundings, so as to lessen the ridicule and persecution. Perhaps they were tempted to “fit in” so as not to draw attention to themselves.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **your identity. (15)** Often, we as Christians forget that we are called-out from the world.

Peter reminds them in verse 15 that they are the ones “called” by the Holy One. The word most often translated “church” in the New Testament is the word, “ekklesia,” or the alternate spelling “ecclesia.”

Understanding the definition of this word is an important component of understanding the church. (1 Peter 2:9).

- **Make \_\_\_\_\_ your mind. (13)** Peter begins with a strong admonition concerning our minds. “Prepare your minds” (NASB) or “gird up the loins of your mind.” (KJV).

This indicates an intentional act of “cinching or securing that which might entangle or hinder our process.” The ancient people wore long flowing robes, which would need to be secured before strenuous activity, running, or battle.

Be serious about what you feed your mind. What have you allowed to enter your mind this week that hinders your sanctification and holiness?

- \_\_\_\_\_ **conforming to your former way of life. (14)** We know that the world is constantly trying to conform us to their way of life. However, we may forget that the reason we so often yield to this conforming pressure is that it is a return to how we once were. Our “default setting”.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **the nature of your Father. (15-17)** Peter leaves us no room for confusion; the very God Who called us is holy and He demands holiness from us. As the children of a holy God, we must never live in complete abandonment and disregard of our Father's intrinsic nature and character.

The angels, who desire to investigate our glorious salvation, understand the absolute holiness of God, for they are before the throne crying, “holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.”

**Application:** What the world needs to see is “bright lights in a dark world.” They need to see a people who have been called out of the world to live according to a higher, holier standard: God's standard.

Our failures in the area of holiness are no excuse for lowering the standard and conforming to the world. When we fail, let us repent, claim the sufficiency of Christ, and seek to live in accordance with God's revealed Word. God alone determines what is “good and right;” He has made it known to us in His Word.

The sanctuary flowers were given by Ken and Shelby Stalans in memory of Betty White Parkey, C.V. White and Marie White, and Virgil and Ola Stalans.

### MISSIONS MOMENT

This morning, we have the privilege of sending out two more mission teams to make Christ known to the world:

Abby Arnold is heading to Mexico for the summer, working with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Gary and Beth Ottinger and Don Allen are going to Brazil to build a chapel.

## Adults

Sunday:  
Sunday School | 9:15am  
Services | 8am 10:30am

Wednesday:  
Men's Study at Southern Grace | 6:30am  
Morning Bible Study | 10:30am  
Prayer Meeting | 6pm

Thursday:  
Men's Study at Shoney's | 7am  
Young Adult Small Group | 6pm

## Students

Sunday:  
Sunday School | 9:15am

Monday:  
NO College Small Group this week

Wednesday:  
Youth | 6pm

## Children

Sunday:  
Sunday School | 9:15am  
Children's Church | 10:30am  
Joe and Alison Gallagher

Wednesday:  
Summer Bible Club | 6pm

## Nursery

Sunday:  
Sunday School | 9:15am  
Morning Service | 10:30am  
Linda Gamble, Wendy Henson, Ellie Housley, and  
Jocelyn Hayes  
NO Evening Service

## Weekly Reports

Tithes/Offerings: \$ 13,828.66  
Sunday School: 235

## Today's Services AM

*God of Our Fathers*  
*Before the Throne of God Above*

Welcome and Prayer

Memorial Day Video

*In Christ Alone*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
(Children dismissed to Children's Church)

Sermon – Pastor Tony Collins

*Only Trust Him*

Missions Moment  
Benediction

No Evening Service tonight

Church-wide Picnic @  
John Sevier Park at 5:00 p.m.



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## Announcements

**Church-wide Picnic** tonight at John Sevier Park from 5:00 p.m. till dark. The church will provide barbeque and buns. Bring a side and dessert to share. Bring a lawn chair.

**VBS** will be June 13-16. Please contact Wendy Campbell to volunteer.

**Youth Service Days:** This summer, the youth are seeking to serve some of our senior adults. If you are a senior adult and need help with projects around the house, please contact pastor TJ.

**Senior Adult trip** to Charleston is scheduled for September 20-23. A non-refundable \$200 deposit is required in order to sign up. The total cost is \$420 (based on double occupancy).

**Orphanage Emmanuel** in Honduras needs the following items: underwear for boys and girls (all sizes), girls' bras (teenage sizes), shoes—toddlers to men and women, Selsun Blue medicated shampoo, inhaler spacers, disposable face masks, gauze, sunscreen SPF 50, lice treatment shampoo, diapers (sizes 1-4), Baby wipes, all hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, body soap. Please place donations in the marked bins.

**Welcome:** BBC is pleased to welcome Wendy Henson as our new church receptionist and office coordinator. John & Wendy and their family relocated from California and are a great blessing!

## MISSION

To bring glory to God by exalting Christ in worship, equipping Christians for ministry, and evangelizing our neighborhood & the nations.

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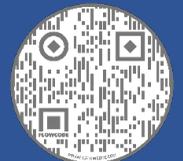
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