

Our Spiritual Makeover

Finding Strength & Unity in God's Ways



READ: 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

¹³ So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. ¹⁴ So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. ¹⁵ But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. ¹⁶ For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." (Lev. 19:2)

¹⁷ And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as "temporary residents." ¹⁸ For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. ¹⁹ It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. ²⁰ God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake.

²¹ Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory. ²² You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.

²³ For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God. ²⁴ As the Scriptures say,

"People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field.
The grass withers and the flower fades.

²⁵ But the word of the Lord remains forever." (Isaiah 40:6-8)

And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.

REFLECT: What is the process God uses to shape us into who He designed us to be?

First – God created you in His image! (Genesis 1:26-27)

NewDay's Core Verse: Ephesians 2:10
For we are God's masterpiece (workmanship, handiwork).
He has created us anew in Christ Jesus,
so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

How do we live as "God's obedient children?" (1:14)

Def: **Sanctified** (becoming holy) = Set apart, separated out from

Hebrew: "qadash" = holy, set apart for a special purpose, consecrated for something specific

"Keep my statutes and do them; I am the LORD WHO SANCTIFIES YOU."
Leviticus 20:8 ESV

Greek: "hagios" = holy, different than the rest, called out for a defined relationship or role, likeness of nature with God

"But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Cor. 6:11b (NIV)

How do we enter into God's process of being shaped (sanctified) by Him?

1. Prepare _____

"So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control" (1:13a)

2. Put _____

"Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world." (1:13b)

3. Practice

"So you must live as God's obedient children... But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy." (1:14-15)

"So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. 2 Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, 3 now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness." (2:1-3)

¹² So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees. ¹³ Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong. ¹⁴ Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. ¹⁵ Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God." Hebrews 12:12-15 (NLT)

What is God expecting when he challenges us to "be set apart" and "work at living a holy life?"



What are the results of this "sanctification" process?

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Respond & Apply: Individual & Small Group Discussion Guide

In what ways are you putting your hope in Jesus at this time?

How do you keep from "slipping back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires"? (1 Peter 1:14)

How does it make you feel to be chosen and set apart for God's great plan? Does this inspire you to share this wonderful privilege with others?

Spend some specific time with God asking these questions as you listen and wait on him...

... "Lord, is there anyone you specifically want me to reach out to show and share your concern for them?"

... "Jesus, is there anyone you want to draw to my mind that you want me to forgive and release them into your hands?"

... "Holy Spirit, is there anything in my life that is holding me back from listening to and responding to your leading?"

*Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
Point out anything in me that offends you,
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*

Psalm 139:23-24

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- 2. We are a community that longs for deeper life relationships with God and others.**
- 3. We are passionate about investing in children, youth, and families.**
- 4. We are a people who have a desire to be led by and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life.**

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