




1 Peter

1:13-2:3



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Two big questions Peter is answering:

1. Why is God letting these bad things happen?
2. How are we supposed to live in the midst of the bad things?

Commands in 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

- Set your hope fully on grace (v 13)
- Be holy in all you do (v 15)
- Live your lives...in reverent fear (v 17)
- Love one another deeply (v 22)
- Long for pure spiritual milk (Ch. 2 v 2)

The Problem...

Peter gives us a to-do list that we can't keep up with!

The Solution...

For every command Peter gives, he also gives a reason we can and should obey it.

1 Peter 1:13-2:3

Main Idea: Godly motivation produces godly actions.

Three Areas of Godly Motivation and Action

1. Our behavior towards God (ch 1:13-21)
2. Our behavior towards one another (ch 1:22-25)
3. Our behavior towards ourselves (ch 2:1-3)

1. Our behavior towards God (ch 1:13-21)

The actions:

- Set your hope fully on Christ's grace (13)
- Be holy in all you do (15)
- Live your lives in reverent fear (17)

1. Our behavior towards God (ch 1:13-21)

Setting your hope fully on Christ's grace requires hard work, and is not our nature!

Being holy isn't possible!

We live in forgetfulness of God, not fear of God!

1. Our behavior towards God (ch 1:13-21)

The motivations:

-We trust God has a plan for us (10-12)

-We realize God makes us holy (16-17)

-We wonder at God's love through Jesus
(18-21)

1. Our behavior towards God (ch 1:13-21)

Being holy:

-Is a PASSIVE command, not an ACTIVE;
should say “become holy” or “be made holy”

-Lev 19:2: “Be holy, for I am holy”

1. Our behavior towards God (ch 1:13-21)

“Run John run, the law commands,
But gives us neither feet nor hands;
Far better news the gospel brings,
It bids us fly and gives us wings.”

2. Our love towards others (1:22-25)

The command: “Love one another deeply”

The problem: Is anyone actually capable of selfless love?

CS Lewis, The Great Divorce

Pam: “I want my boy, and I mean to have him. He is mine, do you understand? Mine, mine, mine, forever and ever.”

Reginald: “He will be yours...God himself will be yours. But not like that.”

2. Our love towards others (1:22-25)

Isaiah 40:8: “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of God stands forever.”

We can and should love one another selflessly, because God’s living Word makes it possible.

3. Our growth in faith (2:1-3)

The command: “Long for pure spiritual milk”

The motivation: “If you’ve tasted that the Lord is good.”

3. Our growth in faith (2:1-3)

“Long for pure spiritual milk”

-Could also be “pure milk of the Word”

-We don't just get “born again” - we grow up!

3. Our growth in faith (2:1-3)

Psalm 34:8: “O, taste and see that the Lord is good!”

Our final godly motivation for godly action:
Self-interest! It's actually what tastes best!

3. Our growth in faith (2:1-3)

The key to joy, according to the original Rev. Clark:

Jesus first

Others second

Yourselves third

3. Our growth in faith (2:1-3)

Godly motives for godly actions:

- Love: God paid the highest price
- Grace: God makes it possible for us to obey
- Desire: Living God's way brings us life

Applying the passage today

Pick an action

Find the motivation

Memorize the Scripture