

Deeper Walk with God - 1 and 2 Peter

Challenge to Deeper Walk I Peter 1:3-25

Review: All we need to go deeper with God

The foreknowledge of God

The sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit

The cleansing work of Jesus Christ

I. Based on an Amazing Salvation 3-12

A. God is the source 3-5

1. Mercy of God
2. Producing a living hope
3. Guarded by the power of God

B. Joy is our response 6

1. Sharing in the glory
2. Enhanced by trials -Varied, needed
3. Proof of faith more valuable than gold

C. Faith is the culmination 8-9

Faith does not have to see Faith leads to salvation

D. Prophets foretold but we enjoy 10-12

Told of suffering and great glory
Told of the Good New and the Spirit
Even the angels want waited expectantly

II. Built on an Astounding Command 13-16

A. Serious preparation 13

1. Gird up the loins of your mind - Roll up your sleeves
2. Be sober in spirit - refers to abstinence
3. Fix your hope completely on the grace of the appearance of Jesus Christ - salvation is sure

B. Clear understanding 14-15

We are to be obedient children **Matthew 5:48**

C. A determined choice 14

1. We must leave some things behind
Always putting off before putting on
Romans 6, Ephesians 4, Galatians 5, Colossians 3
2. Here - former lusts - which were yours in ignorance

D. A definite command - Be holy yourselves 15

1. Like the one who called you

Over 30 verses about the holiness of God -In 9 verses He says "I am Holy"

2. In all your behavior

Not just seen as holy but actions of holiness

E. Based on scriptural creed - It is written 16

1. Jesus used the Word to defeat Satan- Matthew 4:4, 7, 10
2. Divine origin, supreme authority and abiding truth

III. Bound by Astonishing Results 17-25

A. Live as children - respect the Father 17

We can call upon our Father
We are to live in reverence on the earth

B. Live as redeemed -free from the futile way of life 18-20

Purchased by the precious blood of Christ

C. Live as true believers - with faith and hope in God alone 21

Believe His eternal plan - before the foundations of the world
Believe God raise Christ from the dead
Believe Christ sits in glory

D. Live as a part of the family - sincere love for the brethren 22

Purify you souls to truly love one another

E. Live as those empowered by the Word of God 23-25

Living and enduring Word of God
Endures forever
Communicated to us - Preaching and Holy Spirit teaching,

Be ye Holy

Hebrews 12:14 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. NLT

When -In Heaven -At point of death -Now

How -Only seen as holy -Holy actions

In all our behavior = actions

As children - not perfect in actions but in desire of heart

Through love for the brethren and by the insight and power of the Word

2 conclusions

We did and do nothing to deserve such salvation

It is the grace of God from beginning to end

**We are, in the light of this salvation and in the power of the Spirit,
to give every effort to live holy lives**