

Live a Holy Life Set Apart for God

When the culture we live in seems to restrict our faith to a list of rules focused on what we shouldn't do, the apostle Peter challenges believers to embrace godly behavior that produces God-honoring fruit because we are grateful for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Learn what it means to live a holy life, set apart by God for his purposes, and how dwelling in God's Word provides the spiritual sustenance needed for an active faith that flows naturally from us in all circumstances.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- How do you define holiness?
- What do you think it means to be set apart for a purpose?



LISTEN TO THE EPISODE: [Live a Holy Life Set Apart for God](#)

READ [1 Peter 1:13-2:3](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Reflect on the illustration of transfusion hosts Scott Hoezee and Darrell Delaney talk about in segment 1; they describe Christ's death and atonement exchanging our spiritual blood for his. How does it make you feel about your ability to live in light of your salvation and not return to old ways of living?
- At the end of [1 Peter 1](#), the apostle Peter discusses two important components of an active faith: understanding the profound cost Jesus paid for our redemption and recognizing this cost and redemption have ongoing implications for how we live (like loving one another). Do you think it's possible to have a passive faith? Why or why not?
- Reread [1 Peter 2:1](#). Reflecting on this verse, Darrell says, "When we begin to renounce and get rid of those [sinful attitudes] out of our lives, we actually make room for God to be able to use us in a way that honors his name and testifies, even in the midst of hard times, that the light can shine." How might negative attitudes get in the way of you making room for God to act in your life?
- How have *you* tasted and seen that the Lord is good ([Psalm 34:8](#))? In what ways can you be intentional about seeking spiritual sustenance from God's Word in your life?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Leviticus 11:44-45](#), [Leviticus 19:2](#), [Isaiah 40:6-8](#), [John 13:34-35](#), [1 Corinthians 3](#)

CONCLUSION

Darrell and Scott summarized their study of [1 Peter 1:13-2:3](#) with three main points:

1. Faith is active.
2. We live a certain way (i.e. holiness) in light of that faith.
3. The Word of God is our spiritual sustenance.

As you listened to the conversation about each point, what did you feel the Holy Spirit stirring in you? Did you feel conviction? Enlightened? Relieved? Comforted? Assured? Spend time praying about those feelings, asking God to help you understand what he wants you to see, and to deepen your faith through the process.

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