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THEREFORE, BE HOLY AND HOPEFUL

1 PETER 1:13-21

Passage in a Sentence: As we set our hope fully on the grace God gives us in Christ, we are to reflect His character in all of our conduct because through the gospel call we have become God's children.

- I. FOR ALL TRUE BELIEVERS, THERE IS A "THEREFORE" OF THE GOSPEL IN OUR LIVES.**
 - a. Our actions are not an attempt to gain God's attention, they are an acknowledgement we already have God's affection.
 - b. Our actions are not in hopes of being adopted but because we have already been adopted.
 - c. In our lives, the gospel call brings Godly change!

- II. THEREFORE, WE ARE BEING CALLED TO:**
 - a. Keep preparing our minds for action.
 - b. Keep being sober-minded.
 - c. Keep setting our hope fully on the grace that will be brought to us at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- III. WE ARE BEING CALLED TO THESE ACTIONS BECAUSE:**
 - a. God is holy.
 - i. We should never let our access to God be to the detriment of our awe for God.
 - ii. What does it mean for God to be holy?
 1. His Purity
 2. His Passion
 3. His Presence
 4. His Provision
 - b. God expects us to be holy at all times and in all ways.
 - i. As His children, we are to reveal His character in all our conduct.
 - ii. Though holiness in all our conduct may not be achieved, it should be our aim.

1. "The true Christian hates sin, flees from it, fights against it, considers it his greatest plague, resents the burden of its presence, mourns when he falls under its influence, and longs to be completely delivered from it." J.C. Ryle
- iii. We are not to conform to the world because we are children who have been called.
- c. At great cost to Himself, God provides all the holiness we need.
 - i. Our change comes at His cost.
 - ii. Our change comes only through Christ.
 1. Christ was our precious, priceless, and perfect sacrifice.
 2. Christ was foreknown before the foundation of the world.
 3. Christ was revealed and raised which results in our faith and hope in God.
 - iii. We've been ransomed from our forefather's futility by our Heavenly Father's faithfulness.
 1. His ransom is our rescue.
 2. His ransom fuels our rejoicing.
 - iv. God does not just expect our holiness – He empowers it.

IV. SOME FINAL THOUGHTS ON HOLINESS

- a. Holiness = God producing His character in us and through us
- b. Holiness is:
 - i. A position – in Christ.
 - ii. A process – growing in Christ
 - iii. A partnership
 1. With God.
 2. With our faith family.
- c. God intended our pursuit of holiness to be:
 - i. In His power – not our own.
 - ii. With His people – not alone.