

Bible Study 2 – Be holy – 1 Peter 1:13-21

The hippies who dropped out of society in the 1960s were counter-cultural. Today it might be those who aren't online watching things like Facebook or Youtube. Or home schooling. Or being in an outlaw bikie club. These way of lives and attitudes are completely different from those accepted by most of society. God wants Christians to be different from our pagan society. God wants them to be like Him and He gives us the Holy Spirit to empower us.

The context	The purpose of the book is for “encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it” (1 Pt. 5:12). The central theme is to stand firm in the faith during suffering and persecution. Every chapter refers to suffering. It could have been written about AD 62, shortly before Nero’s persecution. It deals with the believer’s privileges & duties (1:1-2:10), relationships (2:11-4:6), and service & suffering (4:7-5:14). It begins by reminding them of their secure future and the need for holiness.
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PART 1 Read & summarise each section – 1 Peter 1:13-21

Optimistic mind (v.13)	
Be holy (v.14-16)	
Respectful mind (v.17)	
Christ’s death redeemed us (v.18-21)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.

2. What I learnt about people like us.

3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. In the context of being holy, how should we use our money?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Because of Christ’s death and His second coming, God wants Christians to be different to our pagan society. Are we in the process of becoming more like God?



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