



Lesson #5: Our Obedience in Christ (1 Peter 1:13-2:4)

Beginning in verse 13 Peter is making a turn. This is a turn you should have anticipated because like any good teacher Peter already told you it was coming. In his introduction in verses 1 & 2 he hinted at it.

*“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, **UNTO OBEDIENCE.**” (1:2)*

“_____” is the word. That is what this next section talks to us about. It is teaching us about our obedience in Christ.

We studied the connection between verse 13 and the verses before it last week. That connection is seen in the word “_____.” Peter is connecting everything back to his discussion about salvation in verses 3-12. Your salvation now becomes the full anchor of your hope. Our struggle is that we vainly try and do the right thing in our _____ but to no avail. In today’s passage Peter gives us 3 steps along the way to true obedience in Christ.

THE _____ FOR OBEDIENCE (1:13-21)

There is a real sense of _____ in the way that Peter phrases these verses. So how are we to prepare for obedience?

- A. Be _____**
My obedience requires me to be active and therefore I have to prepare myself. I have to prepre my mind to be “sober.” The issue here has everything to do with what you are passionate _____. We are not to be conformed by our passions but to conform our passions to the _____.
- B. Be _____ minded**
We are called to reflect God’s character to the world around, namely His holiness. What, then, does it mean that God is holy?
 - 1. **God is _____**
 - 2. **God is _____**
- C. Be _____ focused**
Even when God’s own Son was placarded with sin He could not stand at the sigh of it. If God would do that at the sigh of sin placed upon His perfect Son how much nmore should I take His _____ seriously?

THE _____ OF OBEDIENCE (1:22-25)

There is one exhortation that stands out in the middle of this paragraph. It comes at the end of verse 22 – “*Love one another with a pure heart fervently.*”

- A. Obedience flows from a _____ (v. 22)**
Your new life in Christ _____ your new actions for Christ. When you and I engage in love for one another as believers this somehow fulfills God’s desire for us. It witnesses (or testifies) of a new life we possess (John 13:35). The _____ of Christians for other Christians is a unique activity that no other witness seems to be able to do.
- B. Obedience flows from a _____ (v. 23)**
It is the reading and preaching of the _____ of _____ that fuels our ability to obey God’s commands. It is through God’s Word that we find grace and grace fuels our obedience. The filling station we need is the preaching and teaching of the Bible.

THE _____ OF OBEDIENCE (2:1-3)

Now that Peter has effectively given us the preparation and foundation of obedience he applies what he has taught. There are sins from our past that we need to “put off.”

- 1. “Malice” - _____
- 2. “Guile” - _____
- 3. “Hypocrisies” - _____
- 4. “Envyng” - _____
- 5. “Slandering” - _____

Why these 5 sins? What do they have in common? Answer: These 5 are all _____ killing sins. They sit as the opposite of the positive command that we ought to love one another. These are relational sins. You might call them horizontal sins because they touch on how we relate to others around us.

Concluding Thoughts

Peter’s plea here is that we would simply _____. Interestingly, Peter is writing to a group of Christians who were being persecuted. We may be tempted to think that they had the perfect excuse to stop focusing on matters of obedience. But, if obedience is at the top of the list for those who are suffering, how much more is obedience _____ for you and me? **It is only when we set our hope (by obedience) on Christ that we find the _____ necessary to do anything else.**