

Be Holy; 1 Peter 1:13-16

- I. Obedient Children
 - A. Christianity is a way of life
 - B. Beliefs manifest themselves in our actions
 - 1. It is very easy to see investment or commitment
 - 2. “Shark Tank” is a reality TV show
 - a) There is a panel of wealthy business people who listen to entrepreneurs make business presentations
 - b) They then decide whether or not to invest in the business
 - c) The business tycoons’ belief in the person and their presentation manifests itself through their investment in the company (a partnership is born)
 - d) Ephesians 5:6–7 (ESV); ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them;
 - C. Quality Air Force and “buy-in”
 - D. “Buy-in” = investment = obedience (remember, belief manifests itself in our actions)
 - E. Paul says it takes preparation
- II. Preparation
 - A. 1 Peter 1:13 (ESV); Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
 - B. Action
 - 1. Our christianity must manifest itself in our behavior
 - 2. “Is there enough evidence to convict me of being a Christian”
 - 3. Ephesians 4:1–3 (ESV); ¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
 - 4. Humility — modesty ¹ — freedom from conceit or vanity ²
 - 5. Gentleness — not being overly impressed by a sense of one’s self-importance, meekness ³
 - 6. Patience — remaining tranquil while awaiting an outcome, steadfastness, endurance ⁴
 - 7. Bearing — to regard with tolerance, put up with ⁵
 - C. Sober-minded

¹ William Arndt et al., *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 989.

² Inc Merriam-Webster, *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*. (Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2003)

³ William Arndt et al., *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 861.

⁴ *Ibid*, 612.

⁵ *Ibid*, 78.

1. "It had the rough meaning of 'Roll up your sleeves, and go to work.' Sure enough, the mind cannot roll up any sleeves; but the mind can be disciplined and prepared for the future by diligent prayer, study and contemplation."⁶
2. Luke 12:35–36 (ESV);³⁵ "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning,³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.
3. We have to change our mindset to one of Christian behavior — putting our old lives and desires behind us — straining for what lies ahead
4. Setting our hope on the resurrection of Jesus determined to be with Him when He comes to get us

III. Conformed

- A. 1 Peter 1:14–15 (ESV);¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
- B. Conformed — to form according to a pattern or mold, form/model after⁷
 1. Passions
 - a) Letting passions drive our actions is as old as Adam and Eve; Cain and Abel
 - b) Road rage is the in-thing now — people think it is okay to get violent because someone made a bad judgement when driving
 - c) San Francisco's KRON channel 4 has a segment aired daily (I think) with a reporter (Stanley Roberts) dedicated to it titled, "People Behaving Badly"
 2. Former ignorance
 - a) We left those bad behaviors behind!
 - b) We committed those in our "former ignorance"
 - c) We are now no longer ignorant — we know how we are supposed to behave
 - d) What is our excuse for behaving badly? We shouldn't!
- C. Our pattern, our mold used to be the world, but now it is Christ
 1. We must form ourselves after his example
 2. 1 Peter 2:21–23 (ESV);²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.
- D. Romans 12:1–2 (ESV);¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

IV. Holy

- A. Conduct
- B. Colossians 3:12–14 (ESV);¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
 1. This is our road map — this is what we strive for every day

⁶ Coffman, James Burton. "Commentary on 1 Peter 1:13". "Coffman Commentaries on the Old and New Testament". <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bcc/1-peter-1.html>. Abilene Christian University Press, Abilene, Texas, USA. 1983-1999.

⁷ William Arndt et al., A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 979.

2. To put away the passions and desires of our former life and to live in the example given to us by Jesus
- C. Be holy — set apart for a divine purpose
1. Compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience
 2. Bearing each other's burdens, forgiving each other, loving each other
 3. We are not the same as the world — we are different, set apart
 4. Our priorities, goals, decisions, etc. are different than the rest of the world
 5. They are all made based on the grace of God, the resurrection of Jesus, and the words of the Holy Spirit
- V. Set Apart
- A. We are set apart for service to God
 - B. We must prepare our minds for this service — roll up our sleeves
 - C. We must behave in a manner that befits our calling