



11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, MTS

Topic: Live Purposefully and Holy  
Series: Live On Mission  
Chapters: 1 Peter 1&2 Oct. 30th, 2024

**Central Text: 1 Peter 1:13-**, 13 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*. 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, 16 since it is written, **“You shall be holy, for I am holy.” 1 Peter 2:5,9**, 5 You yourselves like living stones are *being built up as a spiritual house*, to be a holy priesthood, to ***offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ***. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may ***proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light***.

### Lesson Summary

In this text, Peter encourages believers to **live purposefully with holy character** and refuse to return to their old lives prior to accepting Jesus. Believers in the first century experienced persecution from within and without. **Jews who turned from Judaism to Jesus would have been rejected by their families, and the same is true for Gentiles, who rejected the pagan gods of the community for Jesus**. “Peter notes in addition to trials, temptations abound that attempt to conform believers to the passions of their former ways (1 Pet 1:14).” Peter desired believers to continue to serve Jesus through holy living, gospel sharing, and enduring persecution.

### Lesson Outcome

Believers must **live missionally and holy** and refuse to abandon their faith during trials and temptations. This lesson will encourage Christians with specific practices that can assist them to **live with purpose** and **holiness**.

### How do we Live Purposefully and Holy?

**1. Prepare Our Minds For Action** – 1 Peter 1:13a - Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober...

- Prayer and bible study equips believers for missional living
- The Christian community also helps believers fulfill their God-given calling

**Question for Dialogue:** How has your preparation for spiritual warfare progressed and improved over the years?

**2. Obey God by not Returning to Old Ways and Being Holy** – 1 Peter 1:13b-20, 1 Peter 2:11-12

- Look at Abraham’s and Israel’s examples of living as foreigners in order to bless the nations.

**Question for Dialogue:** What prevents repetitive sins in your life and how have you been able to live as a foreigner?

**3. Use Our New Life to Share the Gospel with Others So They Too Can Experience New Life** – 1 Peter 1:20-25, 1 Peter 2:5,9, 1 Peter 1:12

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- The life of a believer must have both a centripetal and centrifugal missional impact
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**Question for Dialogue:** 1 Peter 2:9 powerfully reveals every Christian's worth. **What components of this verse resonates with you most and why?**

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#### **Lesson Application**

Believers will be encouraged to take steps of trust so that they can share Jesus and maintain holy lives. Trust in Jesus ***gives Christians an anchor to rely on when faced with opposition to live set apart. Believers will win the lost to Jesus and model the Holiness of God as they live purposefully and holy.***