

## **1 Peter 1:13-25**

### **Regeneration Through The Living & Abiding Word**

#### **Introduction**

1. Verses 1-12 Lay the Foundation for the Pastoral Exhortations Found in the Rest of the Letter
2. Doctrinal Positions Laid Flow into 4 Imperatives (Commands) to Live the Christian Life in vv 13-25
3. The Christian Life is Lived in God because He was redeemed through the living and abiding Word
4. This New Birth empowers Christians to do the Commands of God in the power of the Spirit

#### **Main Idea of 1 Peter 1:13-25**

**To be hopeful, holy, properly fearful, & brotherly love are obligations Christians live up to and within, since our redemption is by Christ's powerful blood through the eternal Word of Truth – The Gospel.**

#### **We Were Ransomed With Precious Blood (vv 18-21)**

1. *Imperishable* – See vv 3-4 and also v 23
2. The Blood of Christ – establishes the believer in the Faith through the Forgiveness of Sins, cleanses and purifies (**Hebrews 9:22**)
3. Christ Atoned for Our Sin, Decreed by God before Time Began (see **1 Peter 1:1-2**)
4. Our Faith is Built on Jesus' Blood and Righteousness (**Ephesians 1:7, Romans 5:9, Hebrews 9:14**)
5. Sinners are Redeemed by the Blood of Christ

#### **We Were Born Again Through God's Word (vv 12, 23-25)**

1. God Uses Bible Preaching to Birth His Children
2. Faith is Produced by the Spoken or Written Word (**Romans 10:14-17**)
3. Deliverance of the Sinner's Soul is Made possible through the Preaching of the Bible Concerning the Blood of Jesus Christ as an Atonement for Sin
4. God Did it ALL!
5. And this Redemption Produces an Ability to Do as Christ Commands... as the Word Commands
6. Since we are Ransomed and Sanctified, We can Now Submit to God's Law and the Commands of Christ

#### **We Are Now Commanded To Hope In God (v13)**

1. Christians Hope FULLY in His Saving Grace
2. God Works for Us – We Trust in His Performance
3. **See Psalm 147:10-11** – God delights in Doing for You and Me as Our Redeemer
4. Two Ways In Which to Hope
  - a. Preparing Our Minds for Action in the TRUTH (**Ephesians 6:14**)
  - b. Being Sober-Minded – Not Given to this World

#### **We Are Now Commanded To Be Holy Like God (vv 14-16)**

1. Follow Christ in Holiness
2. God's Standard is Perfection – Holiness
3. God Called You – Summoned You and Saved You as an Obedient Child
4. You Became Knowledgeable of the Things of God – and we now Pursue Holiness (**Romans 12:2**)

#### **We Are Now Commanded To Fear God Properly (vv 17-18)**

1. The Fear of the Lord is Our Companion for All of Life as We Sojourn through this World as Resident Aliens
2. Basis of the Fear of the Lord: The Blood of God's Son
3. The Fear of the Lord is in Relation to God as both Father and Judge
4. This Fear is not Terror as the Sinner Should Have for the Wrath of God which is Upon Them
5. **Albert Martin: Fear of the Lord is a holy-self suspicion and fear of offending God knowing it can incur His just displeasure**
6. Our Father is Our Judge, Our Judge is Our Father

#### **We Are Now Commanded To Love Our Neighbor (vv 22-4)**

1. The World will Know Us By Our Love
2. Two Supports to Love:
  - a. Obedience to the Truth Which Purifies the Soul
    - i. The Truth = The Gospel, The Word (**1 Pt 3:1, 4:17**)
    - ii. Obedience = Faith (**Acts 15:8-9**)
  - b. The Eternal Word of God
3. We Love with Right Loves – God, Christ, Neighbor (**See 1 Peter 1:8**)
4. This Love is as Eternal as the Word (**Isaiah 40:6, 8**)