



### *An Inheritance*

#### **Live Holy, Love Deeply**

**1 Peter 1:13-2:3**

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#### **Live Holy (1 Peter 1:13-21)**

What Peter is answering here is "How can I stay clean in a corrupt society? How do I live this life when people all around me are going in the opposite direction?"

- Throughout history, Christians have responded to this question with all sorts of extremes.
  - Paul of Thebes lived like a hermit in a desert cave until he died at the age of 113...but you don't live holy by living lonely!
  - The other extreme is to live very much like the world, but ask for forgiveness all the time.
  - You are to live in the world, but live among others like strangers, standing out in the crowd, looking different.
  - If we hide ourselves in a Christian bubble, away from everyone else, we can't be a light for anyone.

• How do we renew our minds? How do we resist that pull to conform to the patterns of this world, like Peter talks about? **Romans**

#### **12:1-3; 1 Peter 2:2**

• We crave an understanding of who God is and how we are to live from Scripture, we will renew our minds so that we can be in the world but not of it.

#### **Love Deeply (1 Peter 1:22-2:3) John 13:35; Luke 10:27**

- Living a holy life empowers us to have a sincere love for others. We live holy so that we can love deeply.
- Are there people who see you as different - that see you live holy and love deeply, and want to live like you?
  - God's Word will remain forever...and the central message of His Word is love.
  - When we purify ourselves, when we live a holy life, then we finally get the ability to love deeply, from the heart.
  - Imagine living a life that is so different, so attractive, so irresistible, that people don't get turned off by your Jesus. They don't say, "Oh, that Jesus stuff, that's good for you"; they say, "I want what you have."

#### **God is calling us to live holy. So may you see that how you love others is how you love God.**

- May you live holy and love deeply.
- May you be different.
- That's the way of Jesus.