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1 Peter 1:14–16 | Family Resemblance: The Means, The Method,
and The Motivation for A Life of Holiness

1. Boast _____ (14)

2. Relentlessly _____ (15)

3. Desire _____ (16)

Scripture Memory

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. –1 Peter 1:13

Application Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **1 Peter 1:14** and **Ephesians 1:5**. While both are essential for salvation, what are the main differences between the doctrines of justification and adoption? What would be missing for us if all we knew was justification but not adoption? What does the doctrine of adoption do for your battle with sin? Your fight against despair and anxiety? Your sense of purpose and mission while in exile?
2. Read **1 Peter 1:15** and **Romans 12:1-2**. Peter calls for holiness in all conduct. Where do you find yourself most tempted to compartmentalize—treating some areas of life as “God’s” and others as “off-limits”? What changes do you need to make in those areas you’ve been holding back from God? Why is it dangerous to settle for partial surrender?
3. Read **1 Peter 1:15** and **Hebrews 12:14**. The author of Hebrews says, “without holiness no one will see the Lord.” How does this warning sit alongside the assurance of adoption? How do these truths together keep us from both legalism and license?
4. Read **1 Peter 1:16** and **Leviticus 11:44-45**. Why is God’s own holiness the ultimate motivation for our holiness? How does thinking of holiness as relational (drawing near to your Father), rather than merely moral, change your perspective?
5. Read **1 Peter 1:16** and **Hebrews 10:11-14**. When you fall short of holiness, how does Christ’s once-for-all sacrifice keep you from despair? How does remembering God’s adoption and Christ’s atonement move you forward in joyful pursuit of holiness rather than giving up?
6. Note the Scripture Memory section above. Each month, we will be memorizing a verse together as a church. This month’s verse is **1 Peter 1:13**.

Recommended Reading

- *Holiness* - J.C. Ryle
- *Confessing Jesus as Lord* - Terry Chrisope
- *Desiring God* - John Piper
- *Redemption Accomplished and Applied* - John Murray