

1 Peter 1:13-21

1. 1:13 What does the “**therefore**” reference; i.e., what is the reason for what is about to be said?
(*We have an incredibly precious inheritance imperishable, of which we greatly rejoice and of which the prophets and angels desired to look.*)
2. 1:14 Which “**former lusts**” do you still struggle with?
 - a. Which do you think are common? LIST.
 - b. How do you overcome them?
 - c. What was the cause of them? (*Ignorance*)
 - d. If they were the result of ignorance, how can we best fortify ourselves against them?
What does this say about Bible study?
 - e. What exactly were they ignorant of; that we should be learning and teaching others?
3. 1:14 “As obedient children” is more accurately translated “as children of obedience”.
 - a. Is there a difference between the two ways of translating?
 - b. What does each translating approach infer in regard to our behavior?
 - c. Does God have a right and reason to expect and require obedience from the saved?
4. 1:15 How else does Peter expect us to control our behavior and resist “**former lusts**”?
 - a. *Imitate the Holy One!*
5. 1:17 What “**fear**” is being referenced?
 - a. Can “**fear**” also be a factor in fortifying us against lustful behavior?
 - b. On what basis will the Father judge men?
 - c. How is His impartiality a motive for our behavior?
6. 1:18 Did you also inherit a “**futile way of life**” that you need to unlearn / disinherit?
7. 1:19 How does realization of our purchase price help us to regulate our behavior?
 - a. Is the mind or the emotions being appealed to more in this effort to fortify us against lustful behavior? Which do you think is most appropriate? Why? Is it possible to go too extreme either way?
 - b. What role does the mind play in our conversion? In our sanctification?
 1. Cf. Romans 12:2, Ephesians 4:17,18, 23.
8. 1:21 How did the hearers in this text become believers in God?
 - a. How did you become a believer in God?
 - b. What is more vital; to believe in God or to believe in Christ?
 - c. Are those who believe in God but do not believe in Christ, really believers in God? Why?
 - d. Are your faith and hope in God or in Christ? Why?