

Christ Church Clifton Sermon Notes & Questions



Series: 1Peter Spring 2021

Passage: 1Pet 1:13-2:3 Radical grace leads to radical behaviour change

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Sometimes big changes in your life leads to big changes in your behaviour e.g getting married, having children, widowed, leaving home for uni.

Today's passage 1v13 starts therefore, listen to last week Paul, key verse 1Pet 1v3

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 Pet 1 new birth, a living hope, these are great truths of faith, life changing so a big change in circumstances needs to make a difference in our lives when we become a Christian, Peter writes about need to apply truths to all situations you face, in adverse circumstances, how do you live as a disciple?

3 themes trust surrender confidence, seen in today's passage 1Pet 1v13-2v3.

1. **Be holy**, surrender to call to be holy, as trust on grace given by blood of Jesus
2. **Love one another**, as surrender your own will desires,
3. **Desire to grow up in salvation** crave nourishment, trust we can grow in our salvation confident that the Lord is good.

Be holy, surrender to call to be holy, See v13-21, ¹³ *Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming* ¹⁴ *As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. therefore*, as result of v1-12, about living hope, so as redeemed live a radically different life, as a result of getting married, or moving away from home or widowed, or living through a pandemic our behaviour alters, therefore set your hope, or trust in God's grace a certain fixed promise, don't conform to evil desires, but be holy, be holy in all you do. ¹⁵ *But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;* ¹⁶ *for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'* (Lev 11,19)

First change in behaviour surrender to call to holiness, **be holy in all you do**.

A call to holiness, not pious, stuck up or too saintly or heavenly minded to be of any earthly use, but become like God model our behaviour on his holiness, Being holy means being separate from world, set apart by our behaviour your thoughts your words. In2v1 *Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind* Set apart by our behaviour people notice in workplace, hardest in the home ! See Heb 12v14

. God is fair just judge, he does see our work and our lives, act as if you were a foreigner just a passing through, in reverent fear, fear of God's displeasure, we were redeemed by precious blood of Christ So be holy in all you do. Is there an area of your life where you are not being holy?

So first behaviour change be holy next love one another'

Love one another surrender to call to love one another deeply see v22-25 ²² *Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart*

Same consequence, life should be different now as redeemed people, as purified, have deep earnest sincere love for each other, ektenos in Greek, supreme effort, with every muscle strained, intensely, love deeply from the heart. To love one another have to surrender our own wills, our own preferences, e.g in lockdown time of meals or what you eat, or when you go for a walk or need the wifi, love involves surrendering my rights, my right to xx. when I want to... can be harder to love when under same roof for months and months, irritating habits, hard to love but called to love. Being reborn should make a difference to our attitudes love is practical not just feeling but doing something for others. Who

are you finding it hard to love at present? Pray for soft heart to love others, how can we show an even greater deeper love for others?

Change in behaviour, be holy, love one another, desire to grow in the faith, grow up in our salvation get nourishment.

Trust and desire to grow up in our salvation

Babies want milk they like milk they need milk, only grow if drink milk, not a watered down milky drink or water or juice, they need milk. Are you like a thirsty baby due feed? A baby is nourished by milk 2v2

² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Call to crave pure spiritual milk, A baby is nourished by milk, pure milk not watered down version, juice/water. then get malnourished child. V3 Now you have tasted now you have changed become a follower of Christ been reborn tasted that Lord is good, reference to Psalm 34.v8. *Taste and see that the Lord is good.* How do we grow up in our salvation? Not stay the same as day we converted? Grow by nourishment baby is nourished by bonding with parents, time with God –no other substitute. Baby is nourished by walks in fresh air in pandemic all enjoyed getting out time for creation nourishes us. Nourished when parents talk to you, listen and respond. Talk to God, pray spend time with him just drink in his creation when walking. Are we as thirsty as a baby due his feed? Becoming a Christian means a radical change to our lives even more than a new flatmate or having a baby or getting married or moving abroad or a lockdown causes a change in behaviour. It affects every aspect of our life, it involves trust, surrender and confidence. Trust in his grace surrender to be holy and loving confident to grow in our salvation. His grace and living hope inspires me to be holy, to love others to grow up in my salvation. Pray what change in my life and behaviour is God calling me? Holiness? Love crave milk grow, if not yet know new birth living hope join Alpha,

Questions for study:

Optional starter Give examples when your behaviour changes following a change in circumstances

1. Read 1 Pet 1v3 what is big change that has already happened? what difference should new birth make to you?
2. Read 1Pet 1v13-16, why the word *therefore*? What simply is the call to surrender?
3. What does holiness look like in a person? What does 1Pet 2v1 say about holiness in our thoughts (as well as deeds)
4. Read v17-21, in what ways are we like foreigners or temporary residents here on earth?
5. Read v22-25, how can we love one another deeply during lockdown?
6. Read 1 Pet 2v1-3, what do we learn from babies wanting milk? Why is it a good analogy?