

Believers In God

TEXT: 1 Peter 1:13 - 2:5

INTRODUCTION:

- A. CHRISTIANS DISTINGUISHED BY FAITH, HENCE "BELIEVERS IN GOD."
- B. TEXT REVEALS CHARACTERISTICS OF "BELIEVERS IN GOD."

I. ONE WHO "GIRDS UP HIS LOINS" - IS PREPARED (verse 13).

- A. HE IS SOBER, *nepho*- "1) to be sober, to be calm and collected in spirit 2) to be temperate, to be dispassionate, to be circumspect." Take it seriously (**1 Peter 5:8**).
- B. HIS HOPE IS SET ON JESUS (**Colossians 3:1-2**).

II. A CHILD OF OBEDIENCE (verses 13-16).

- A. NOT THE SAME AS IN THE TIMES OF THEIR IGNORANCE.
 - 1. Change demanded by God (**Acts 17:30**).
 - 2. Former lusts must lose their hold (**Romans 6:17**).
- B. HE IS HOLY (**Titus 2:13-14; 2 Corinthians 7:1**).

III. CALLS ON GOD AS FATHER (verse 17). A CHILD OF GOD.

- A. NOT EVERYONE IS A SPIRITUAL CHILD OF GOD (**John 8:44**).
- B. IN ORDER TO BE A CHILD OF GOD, ONE MUST BE BEGOTTEN OF GOD (**1 Peter 1:3, 13**).
- C. NOTICE THAT A CHILD OF GOD IS LIKE GOD (**1 John 3:1-3; Ephesians 5:1-2**).
- D. THIS ALLOWS US TO BE JOINT WITH CHRIST (**Romans 8:16-17**).

IV. ONE WHO HAS BEEN REDEEMED BY BLOOD (verses 18-21).

- A. ALL HAVE SINNED (**Romans 3:23**) AND DESERVE DEATH (**Romans 6:23**).
- B. BY THE BLOOD REDEEMED. *lutroo*- "to redeem, to liberate by payment of ransom" - **Thayer**.
- C. JESUS GAVE HIS BLOOD IN OUR PLACE (**Matthew 20:28; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15**).
- D. HIS BLOOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SIN (**1 John 1:7**).

V. HAS PURIFIED HIS SOUL IN OBEDIENCE (verse 22).

- A. THE TRUTH IS FOUND IN THE TEACHING OF JESUS (**John 17:17; 8:32**).
- B. THE NECESSITY OF OBEDIENCE (**Hebrews 5:8-9**).
- C. OBEDIENCE BRINGS ABOUT CLEANSING (**1 Peter 3:21**).

VI. BEGOTTEN AGAIN THROUGH THE WORD (verses 23-25).

- A. THE WORD PRODUCES FAITH IN THE HEARER (**Romans 10:17**).
- B. FAITH IS PERFECTED IN OBEDIENCE (**James 2:21-24**).
- C. AS PHYSICAL BEGETTAL IS CONSUMMATED BY PHYSICAL BIRTH, SPIRITUAL BEGETTAL IS BY SPIRITUAL BIRTH (**John 3:5**).

CONCLUSION: ARE YOU A TRUE BELIEVER IN GOD?