We should live holy lives because of our hope in Christ

A. Look Forward with Hope (1:13-14) 1. Lift your gaze (1:13) a. Be prepared (v 13a) Colossians 3:2 Ephesians 6:14 b. Be proper (v 13b) 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8

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A. Look Forward with Hope (1:13-14) - continued **2. Look for God (1:13c)** a. Expecting **Ephesians 2:7 b.** Enduring **Romans 8:23 3.** Live in good (1:14) a. By being devoted 2 Corinthians 10:5 b. By being different **Romans 12:2**

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B. Live in Line with God's Holiness (1:15-16)

- 1. Embrace God's standard Matthew 5:48
- 2. Empty yourselves of sin a. A purging
 - 1 Corinthians 5:7
 - b. A prevention Galatians 5:9
- 3. Esteem God highly

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C. Live in Awe of God (1:17-21)
1. Lean on God's sovereignty (1:17) Proverbs 3:5-7
2. Look to Christ's Sacrifice (1:18-20)
3. Live Liberated Lives (1:21)

a. Believe on Him

1 Corinthians 5:21

- b. Believe in Him Colotions 5:1
 - **Galatians 5:1**

Living In Love 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

Living In Christ Means Living In His Love

1 Peter 1:22-23

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

- A. Sign of obeying God's truth (1:22) 1 John 3:18-19
- 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.
- **19** And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

- B. Sensed by others in the body of Christ (1:22)1 John 4:20
- If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?
- John 13:35
- By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

- C. Sourced by the Word of God (1:23) 1 John 4:7
- Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

II. Lay Aside (1:24-2:1)

A. In light of our time on earth (1:24) 1 Peter 1:24

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

James 4:14

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Ephesians 5:16

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

II. Lay Aside (1:24-2:1)

- B. In light of God's Word (1:25) 1 Peter 1:25
- But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.
- **James 1:25**
- But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

II. Lay Aside (1:24-2:1)

- C. In light of our old nature (2:1) 1 Peter 2:1
- Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- James 1:20-21
- 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.
- 21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

III. Long For God's Word (2:2-3)

- A. An insatiable desire (2:2)
- 1 Peter 2:2
- As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby
- **Psalm 42:2**
- My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

III. Long For God's Word (2:2-3)

- **B.** An indwelt desire (2:3)
- 1 Peter 2:3
- If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
- Psalm 34:8-9
- **8** O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- **9 O** fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

We Should Not Have To Work Hard To Love God

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.