



Peter's First Epistle

1 Peter 1:17-21 - A New Life of Reverence Part 1

- Review of *1 Peter 1:13-16 – A New Life of Holiness*
 - Put your mind upon grace, brought by the revelation of Jesus Christ, as children of obedience.
 - Put former lusts behind, as in ignorance.
 - He called you to be holy, therefore be holy!
- ***1 Peter 1:17 - And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;***
 - *And if you call on the Father – if or since, and is this important?*
 - *call* is present indicative – does that help?
 - Wuest – ‘THE "if" does not introduce an hypothesis but a fulfilled condition. "Since," or "in view of the fact," is the idea in the word. They appealed to Him as a child would appeal to its father. What a blessed thought to give us encouragement in our praying.
 - *who without partiality judges according to each one's work*



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- indicates *without respect of persons*, impartial – only NT use!
 - » 1 Sam 16:7 - But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. **For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.**”
- *judges* - to pronounce an opinion concerning right and wrong; and this reflects the judgment seat of Christ.
 - Remember we are *calling on our Father* in our position with Him there.
 - » 2 Cor 5:10 - **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad.**
 - » 1 Cor 3:12-13 - **Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.**
- *work* – in context relates to an act or deed done.
- ***conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here (sojourning) in fear;***
 - *conduct yourselves* – aorist passive imperative
 - *sojourning* – related to the dispersion or our life here in a foreign land!



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- Our walk here needs to be in *reverence and respect* not in *fear*— how do we do this?
 - » 2 Cor 7:1 - *Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let's cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

- **1 Peter 1:18 - knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,**
 - *knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold,*
 - *knowing* here is *eidō* - fact
 - *redeemed* - aorist passive indicative – liberated by ransom, a price paid
 - » Rom 3:24 - *being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus,*
 - » Titus 2:14 - *who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, eager for good deeds.*
- Now *silver and gold* are *corruptible* or *perishable* and not meritorious as in 1 Cor 3:12?



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- Wuest - The words "silver" and "gold" are in a diminutive form, referring to little silver and gold coins which were used to buy slaves out of slavery.
 - » 1 Peter 1:23 - ***for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable, but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.***
- *from your aimless (futile) conduct received by tradition (inherited) from your fathers,*
 - » 1 Cor 3:20 - and again, ***“THE LORD KNOWS THE THOUGHTS of the wise, THAT THEY ARE useless.”***
- How should we interpret *received (inherited)* – genetic or environment?
- Does this refer only to the Jewish traditions or others too?
- ***but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, of Christ.***
 - What makes His *blood precious*?
 - *precious* – costly, held in honor, esteemed, especially dear
 - *as of a lamb unblemished and spotless*
 - Why the comparison here with the liberation of the Israelites from Egypt?



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- We are called to walk as our position declares - *unblemished and spotless*
 - » *Heb 9:14 - how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*
 - » *2 Peter 3:14 - Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;*

- *1 Peter 1:20 - For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times (end of the times) for the sake of you*
 - *For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world,*
 - How profound and perplexing to understand - *He was foreknown before the foundation of the world (kosmos)?*
 - Thus, Christ and the triune God must have had no beginning?
 - » *Gen 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
 - *but has appeared in these last times (at the end of the times)*
 - » *Heb 1:2 - in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.*



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- *for the sake of you*
 - » *Eph 1:4 – just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love*
 - » *1 Cor 10:11 - Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.*
 - » *1 Peter 1:2 - according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.*
- *1 Peter 1:21 - who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*
 - It's only through His death, resurrection and glory that we respond in *faith and hope in God*.
 - What follows is a call to obedience to the faith and in love.
 - » *Acts 3:16 - “And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.*