

Hurts, Habits, & Hang Ups #2

From Habits to Holiness

1 Peter 1:14-16 5/20/2018

Intro: From Hang Ups to Hope

- Fix your hope completely on the being brought to you grace
- Certainty of hope because we have received the Spirit as a Deposit
- The Day of Pentecost: The Spirit comes as an agent of Transformation

The Habits of the Flesh compete against Holiness from the Spirit

⁸ *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit*
-Ephesians 5:18

- Fleshly Habits provide physical counterfeits that rob us of spiritual reality
- Fleshly Habits are *asotia*: literally “not saving” or “without salvation”
- Fleshly habits are in opposition to the holiness we are called to
 - devoted to personal pleasure, control, or purpose
 - devoted to God’s pleasure, control, and purpose

You Are Called to Holiness like the Holy One

¹⁴ *As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, ¹⁵ but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; ¹⁶ because it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”*
-1 Peter 1:14-16

- A Command to Holiness that rearranges our entire manner of life
- Recognizing the Imperative (v.15-16)

The Subject: Be Holy

- Defining Holy:
 - In God: Completely Other in Nature & Character, Above All
 - In Us: Set Apart, Consecrated, Reserved for God’s Purpose
- Describing the Command
 - You *have become* holy by faith through justification in Christ
 - You *must be* holy by faith through sanctification of the Spirit
 - You *will stay* holy forever through the coming glorification

The Source: The Holy One

- Our Call to Holiness is rooted in His identity
 - but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves*
 - You shall be holy, for I Am holy*
- No possibility of holiness outside a relationship with God
 - He is the source & standard for holiness
 - He is the seal & supply for holiness
- A True Relationship with God makes us Holy
 - He Resources what He requires of us
 - He Completes what He calls us to

The Scope: All Your Behavior

- Also in All your behavior
 - anastrophe: conduct, way of life, manner of life, behavior
 - not just a single decision or action
 - not just a part or compartment of your life
 - all of the manner of how you walk this earth
 - both internally & externally
- Rejecting the World’s Mold (v.14)
 - Before you knew Him you were ruled by your fleshly lusts & desires
 - Do not be conformed to the habits of the flesh
 - Pattern of Wrong Thinking (Lie Inspired)
 - Pattern of Wrong Doing (Flesh Inspired)
 - Pattern of Wrong Worship (Self Inspired)

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

- Knowing God through Jesus Christ Breaks the Mold
 - He Has given us new life, We are reborn as His Children
- Now that you are his, be children of obedience
 - Submission to what is heard

²² *that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.*
Ephesians 4:22-24