

HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M A FOLLOWER OF JESUS?

(1 PETER 1:13-21)

10+10 QUESTIONS

BIG IDEA

Followers of Jesus are defined by the hope they have in the gospel, not their past sins or identities, but a new identity.

CONTEXT

In light of God's gift of revelation, we are called to turn away from sin and temptation and live holy lives of obedience. We can do this because of the death and resurrection of Jesus that gives life to our faith and hope.

MEMORY VERSE

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

(1 Peter 1:14-16 ESV)

PRAYER THIS WEEK

- Pray that God will open your eyes to where you are not being obedient
- Pray that God will help you "set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 1:13)
- Pray that God will give you confidence in what has saved us: it is God who saved us, not ourselves.

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 5TH

Read Peter 1:13-21

- What stands out to you about this passage and from last night's message?
- Take a moment to reflect on church last night.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead you to see what it looks like to respond to God's deep unimaginable love for you as your father, and what it looks like to be an obedient son or daughter.

MONDAY – FEBRUARY 6TH

Read Peter 1:1-21

- List one area where you are struggling and that God is calling you to be obedient?
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- Reading the entire section in context with what comes before it, what does the “therefore” in 1 Peter 1:13 refer to?
- Why would Peter ground obedience in the context of what we read about Jesus? Why is it an appropriate response?
- What does it look like to live a holy life? What are the obstacles that you face?

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 7TH

Read Peter 1:13-21

- Yesterday we looked at an area that you are struggling to be obedient in. Start today by listing where your hope lies and what you can change?
- Why is it important that you constantly put our hope in grace revealed by Jesus? Why is that important for obedience in the area that you wrote down?
- In 1 Peter 1:14 we are commanded, “to not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance.” What about Jesus, sheds light on and opens your understanding about what drives your life?
- Peter puts this in the context of “as obedient children.” If you are a follower of Jesus, what is your truth about your new identity?

WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 8TH

Read Peter 1:13-21

- What are you setting your hope on that is not Jesus?
- Why does Peter balance the idea of “setting your mind for action” and being “sober minded”?
- What are the “passions of your former ignorance”?
- How does our sin reflect the true objects of our hope?

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 9TH

Read Peter 1:13-21

- Describe the futile ways of salvation that God has ransomed you from?
- How does that affect your compassion for those in your neighborhood that don’t believe?
- What would your life look like if it were a testimony to your gratitude for salvation?

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 10TH

Use Friday as a catch up day

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 11TH

Read through 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 in preparation for tonight. One of the most prevalent descriptions of Christians by the world around us is “hypocrite.” Tonight we are going to look at how to prevent hypocrisy in our lives. Pray you and your fellow Revolutionaries would be reminded of what hope we have for obedience. Also pray that God would be glorified both in what we say and what we do.

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FAMILY DINNER BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:13–21 Word of the Day: Mind

Peter tells us to prepare our minds so that we can think like God wants us to, which helps us to live our life like God wants us to.

- 1. What things help you learn about God and how he wants you to think and live?**
- 2. How does prayer to God help you learn about God?**
- 3. How does reading the Bible help you learn about God?**
- 4. How does going to church help you learn about God?**
- 5. Why do we talk about God as a family?**
- 6. What things have you learned about God lately?**

MONDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:13–21 Word of the Day: Father

Peter teaches us that God is a father. Christians are like God's kids who are adopted into his family to be loved, taught, and cared for by him.

- 1. What does it mean that God is a Father, or a perfect Daddy?**
- 2. What does it mean that when we become Christians it's like getting adopted into God's family, the church?**
- 3. Do you know anyone who was adopted?**
- 4. Did Joseph adopt Jesus?**
Yes.
- 5. What does it mean that other Christians are like brothers and sisters?**

FAMILY ACTIVITY

As a family play a game. Ask them to do five different things. You know your children best, do something fun, but that would show obedience. Example for younger kids:

1. Close your eyes
2. Raise your hands
3. Stand on one foot
4. Clap your hands once and say "Amen."
5. Open your eyes

Did everyone do each detail? If not, discuss why not? Why is it difficult to be obedient or why is it easy? You might ask them to pick up trash in the parking lot (make sure it is safe) or help with children in the nursery when they come into sing. Find ways for them to follow. Help them to think through who they are obedient to.

Some stories to talk about – Obedience (Joshua, Gideon)/ Disobedience (Samson)

TUESDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:13–21 Word of the Day: Obedient

Peter says that Christians are supposed to be like obedient children. This means that we are supposed to obey God our Father like a good child obeys his or her parent.

1. Why do God and parents ask children to do good things and not do bad things?

Because they love the children and want the best for them.

2. What does it mean to obey?

It means that because of the love in your heart, you do what your parents and God ask of you.

3. What happens to children who do not obey God and their parents?

They get into sin and their life is ruined.

4. Can you think of any times in your life when you did not obey God and your parents and something bad happened?

5. Are there any rules from the Bible or your home that you don't think are fair or right? Why?

6. Which rules from God or your parents are most difficult for you to obey? Why?

Parents, this is a good opportunity to demonstrate humility and repentance. Take a few moments and explain to your child a time in your life when you did not obey your parents or when you did not obey God and you suffered for it so that they learn vicariously through your life. Invite them to ask you any questions they may have about what you share.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:13–21 Word of the Day: Holy

Peter tells us that God is holy and that Christians are to be holy. The Bible says God is holy more often than it mentions any of his other attributes, which means that holiness is very important. The word holy means “to be set apart.” So, to be holy is to be different in a good way. As Christians we do some things differently than other people because God loves us, we love God, and we want to be holy.

1. What does holiness mean?

To be “set apart” or different in a good way compared to what some other people say and do.

2. What is the opposite of holiness?

Unholiness or sin where we disobey God.

3. What are some things that Christians do that are different than other people?

Examples include believing Jesus is God, reading the Bible, praying, worshiping God, going to church, confessing our sins to God, and not doing sinful things like swearing at people, getting drunk, or being violent.

4. Have you ever had someone make fun of you for being holy and not sinning? Explain what happened and how you felt.

THURSDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:13–21 Word of the Day: Judgment

Peter teaches that eternal judgment belongs to God. Judgment is what the Bible means when it says that God looks at our life and determines what we do that is right and wrong. The Bible teaches that one day there will be a final day of judgment when God fairly judges everyone for the life they lived. For Christians this judgment will be for our rewards in heaven. For non-Christians this judgment will be for their punishment in hell.

1. **Why is it good that God judges?**

Examples include that it shows God does not approve of all the sin and hurt people are doing, that God will one day put an end to all evil and make the world perfect again, and that Satan does not win.

2. **How does knowing that at the end of our life God will reward us for anything good we have done make it easier to live a holy life?**

3. **Is there any sin in your life right now that God wants you to stop doing so that he does not have to judge you for it?**

4. **Should we be more concerned about what other people think of us or about what God thinks of us? Why?**

5. **Can we judge who is going to heaven and hell?** No, that is God's job.

6. **Can we judge people's actions and decide if they were right or wrong?**

Yes, especially people who say they are Christians.

FRIDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:13–21 Word of the Day: Ransomed

Peter says that Christians are people who have been ransomed by God through the blood of Jesus Christ. Think of it this way. Sin includes our thoughts, words, deeds, and motives. Sin also includes not doing what we're supposed to do (sin of omission), and doing what we are not supposed to do (sin of commission). Now, imagine if every time we sinned throughout our whole life we owed God ten dollars—how deeply in debt we would be to God! But our sin is actually worse than that because we owe God more than ten dollars for every one of our sins and there is no way we can ever repay him. Jesus came as God into history to live without any sin, die for our sin, and pay our debt to God. So, Christians have been ransomed by Jesus, who paid our debt of sin to God.

1. **Who pays our debt to God for our sin?**

Jesus.

2. **How did Jesus pay our debt to God for our sin?**

He died on the cross for our sins.

3. **Where was our sin judged and our ransom paid?**

At the cross of Jesus.

4. **If we are Christians who believe in Jesus, will God judge us and send us to hell?**

No, because of Jesus we are forgiven. We get to be friends with God today and one day we will live with God in heaven forever.

5. **How should we feel about Jesus because he ransomed us?**

6. **Can you think of any other time in life when someone ransomed you by paying for something you could not pay for? Explain.**

SATURDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:13–21 Word of the Day: Faith

Peter speaks of Christians as being believers in God. This means that Christians are people who have faith in God. To have faith in God means that we know who God is from the Bible, believe what the Bible says, and trust in Jesus as our God.

1. What does faith mean?

It means that we know what God says in the Bible and believe it.

2. Who is our faith in?

Jesus because he is our God.

3. Can you be a Christian without faith in Jesus?

No, if you don't trust Jesus then you are not a Christian.

4. Who do you know that has faith in God?

5. Do you have faith in God?

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MISSIONAL COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

INTRODUCTION:

In light of God's gift of revelation, we are called to turn away from sin and temptation and live holy lives of obedience. We can do this because of the death and resurrection of Jesus that gives life to our faith and hope.

DISCUSSION:

What does it mean to fear God?

EXPLANATION:

- Recap what the "therefore" in this text is referring to.
- Why should we fear God?
- What are the futile ways of inheritance?
- Why did Jesus humble himself and come into human history?
- How have you been spared from eternal judgment?
- What was the cost of your salvation?

APPLICATION:

- What are you setting your hope on that is not Jesus?
- Why does Peter balance the idea of "setting your mind for action" and being "sober minded"?
- What are the "passions of your former ignorance"?
- How does our sin reflect the true objects of our hope?
- How does your life reflect or not reflect a healthy fear of God?
- What does it look like to live a holy life? What are the obstacles that you face?
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MISSIONAL COMMUNITY - KID'S LESSON