



Family Worship Guide – 1st Peter 1:13-21

MEMORIZE

1st Peter 1:15

“But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;”

READ

Read 1st Peter 1:3-21

Notice the first word in verse 13, therefore. This connects what was said before with what is said after. In verse 15, Peter exhorts us to “be holy in all you do.” But this command stems out of the verses before. In verse 3 Peter tells us that Jesus has given us a new birth into a living hope and an imperishable inheritance. Knowing this is what gives the Christian the strength to make it through difficult times and trials. Trials come so that our faith can be proved genuine. But notice the rest of verse 7: “and may result in praise, glory and honor *when Jesus Christ is revealed.*” This same phrase is used in verse 13.

Verse 13 tells us that because of this hope and salvation we have in Jesus, we need “to prepare our minds for action, be self-controlled, and set our hope fully on the grace to be given you *when Jesus Christ is revealed.*” This is the second time that phrase has been used by Peter in these verses. The first time he tells us that when Jesus is revealed two things will result. First, our genuine faith will result in praise, honor and glory. Second, he is saying that this grace will be given to us.

Verses 17 to 19 Peter explains that life change is part of the process because it was by Jesus’ precious blood that we were set free from our past sins. Verse 20 he goes on to say that Jesus was chosen before the creation of the world to be our savior and pay attention to this, “*was revealed in these last times.*” Did you catch the change? Two times previously Peter uses the wording “when revealed” and that is now changed to “was revealed.” This is huge! We can be holy because we have present access to Jesus’ grace. He has been revealed which means the grace has been given! The moment a person submits to Jesus as Lord and accepts him as Savior, this grace is given.

Discussion: (Use these questions as guidelines for discussion with your family. Share your experiences as they relate to the question and then ask the question to the rest of the family.)

1. What is grace? Share times when you felt God’s grace and what that meant to you.
2. It says God’s grace is given. Can we earn it? Explain the difference between being given something and earning something. Is there a difference?
3. We are told to be holy because God is holy. Is it possible to be holy? How? Does this change at all knowing that believers in Jesus receive grace?
4. We have been given grace. Do we treat each other with grace? Take time to confess and forgive each other for times when you withheld grace from each other. Talk about how you can be more graceful with each other. Ask Jesus to help you and thank him that He has given you grace.

Bottom Line: We are called to be holy. This is only possible by the grace that Jesus Christ gives us.

SING

“Take my life/ Holiness” (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHeEytocJVY>)

As you sing this song with your family, let the lyrics soak in. We can be holy because Jesus is filling us with His grace and transforming us!

SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created for specific age ranges as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God's word and worship Him together.

Preschool (up to 5)

- Make chocolate milk with your kids but don't have chocolate syrup at first
- Give your kid(s) an empty cup, a spoon and have milk
- Ask your kid(s) to make chocolate milk with what they have been given
- They will realize this is not possible without chocolate. Tell them that the same is true for living holy. Without Christ, it is not possible. Give them the chocolate and then thank God for Jesus as you drink your milk together.
- Feel free to use any example similar to the above mentioned

Children (K-5th)

- Have a light bulb and ask your kid(s) what you are holding.
- Give it to them and ask them to light it up. If they say they need to plug it in, say that is not allowed.
- They will eventually say they can't light it up. Ask why not. After you get your answer, explain to them that just like the light bulb cannot light up without being plugged in, we cannot be holy without Jesus Christ.
- Tell them the light bulb is still a light bulb whether plugged in or not. But only when connected, can it shine brightly like it was intended to.

Students (6th-12th)

- Dig deeper – Read Isaiah 35, 1st Thessalonians 4:1-8, 1st John 3:1-8
- Read through each of the passages above
- Discuss these passages and how they relate to 1st Peter 1:3-21
- In John 3:1-8 Jesus tells Nicodemus that he needs to be born again. How is being born again key to understanding the passage from 1st Peter?
- The 1st Thessalonians passage gives instruction for living a sanctified life. This is drastically different than what our society tells us for how to live. Talk about the reality of this, the struggles you and your kids may face and how you as a family can reflect 1st Thessalonians and not American culture.
- How did reading and studying these passages increase your understanding of what God means when he tells us to be holy?

PRAY

Pray a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His grace. Ask that He would continue to reveal to you the power of His grace and help you to be an agent of His grace to others so that they would see Christ in you.