

Preparing for Action
I Peter 1:13-2:3

After Peter has laid the **foundation** of our salvation, he urges us to action based on the **character** of a holy God, our position as **redeemed** children of God, and our birth into a new **family** of God.

- I. What is the right **standard** for action? (I Peter 1:13-16)
 - A. Old Testament Connections
 - B. Hope and Grace
 - C. The Character of God (Leviticus 11:44-47; 19:2; 20:7)

- II. Why should I live a life of **holiness**? (I Peter 1:17-21)
 - A. Calling on a Father
 - B. The Price Paid
 - C. Faith and Hope

- III. How do I **grow** as a child of God? (I Peter 1:22-2:3)
 - A. Loving one another deeply from the heart
 - B. The Word of God (Isaiah 40)
 - C. Ridding our lives of malice
 - D. **Craving** the Word and the Lord (Psalm 34)

Peter is urging us to grow up in our salvation. He is calling us to live differently, not just practice **religion** differently. Christians are to be set apart from their surrounding **culture** in a way that is consistent with the character of God as revealed in Scripture and in Jesus Christ. To continue to live in one's useless former ways is implicitly to **deny** the value of Christ's death. And finally, the Christian life cannot be lived **authentically** in isolation.