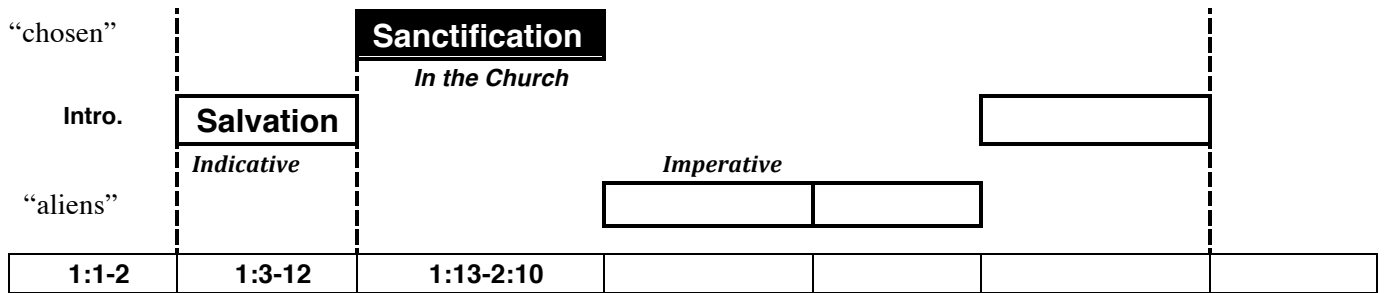


I Peter

The challenge of dual citizenship

I Peter 1:13-21



Principles for living as Faithful Members of God’s Kingdom and Fruitful Witnesses in a Fallen World

Sanctification (holy experience)

Principle #2 We are called to be a blessing

We are sanctified (disinvested with respect to the world) ...

Our position – Children of God	Our posture – Disciples of Christ
“God the Father . . . who caused us to be born again to a living hope” vs.3 “an inheritance imperishable and undefiled” vs.4	“like the Holy One who called you, be holy” vs.14 “knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things” vs.18
The grace that would come to you.	The grace that would come through you.
<i>Indicative</i> – Who we are in Christ determines ...	<i>Imperative</i> – ... what we are to do as Christians.

... by the renewing of our minds ...

13 Therefore, **gird your minds** {for action}, keep sober {in spirit,}

Romans 12:1-2 “1 I urge you therefore, 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**, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

... with respect to the locus of our hope ...

fix your hope **completely** on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:18 “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”

I Peter 4:13 “but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation.”

This life

“renewing
the mind”

The life to come

... and the control of our passions ...

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.*"

Rom.6:4 “Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”

II Cor.5:17 “Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold new things have come.”

Eph.4:17 “So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.”

“put off the old man”
Rom.13:12a
Eph.4:22
Col.3:8-9

“renewing
the mind”

“put on the new man”
Rom.13:12b
Eph.4:23-24
Col.3:10

... knowing that we are children of the Holy Judge ...

17 And if you address as Father the One who impartially **judges** according to each man’s work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay {upon earth};

Three kinds of Judgments in the Bible

- 1. **DAMNATION-Judgment** (heaven or hell),
- 2. **DISCIPLINE-Judgment** (nurture or neglect).
- 3. **DISCLOSURE-Judgment** (gold or straw),

believers

“**THE BEMA**”
(disclosure of ministry)
I Cor.3:12-15, 4:5

nonbelievers

“**THE GREAT WHITE THRONE**”
(heaven or hell)
Rev.20:11-13

... and redeemed with the precious blood of His Son.

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious **blood**, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, {the blood} of Christ. 20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last **times for the sake of you** 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.”

To reject the lusts of the flesh we must develop a greater passion for God and His Kingdom.

**In our ignorance we
were following the lusts
of the futile way of life
inherited from our
forefathers.**

**As obedient children of a
new Father we have new
passions coming from deep
appreciation for His nature
and the value of what He has
invested for our sake.**