

1 Peter: Elect Exiles

1:14-16

Be Holy to be Happy

(1 Peter 1:14-16) **So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."**

Primary Point: Be holy to be happy.

A) Two different ways of life, both driven by a desire to be happy.

Ps 119:2; John 15:11; Rom 14:17-18; Gal 5:22; Rom 7:22; Phil 4:4

B) What does it mean to be holy?

2 Tim 2:20-22; Eph 4:1; Deut 7:6; 1 Pet 2:9; Eph 5:1-2

C) How to be holy and happy

If I asked you what is the most pleasurable and fulfilling experience on Earth, what would you say?
Acts 20:35; 1 Pet 4:10-11; Col 3:23

Life Group Discussion ?s

- 1) What was most meaningful to you about the message?
- 2) What is wrong with the statement: "Holiness of character, chastity of life, living in communion with God—that is the purpose of a man's life, whether he is happy or not is a matter of moonshine."
- 3) It was stated that a desire for happiness is the driving force of our lives? How is that demonstrated in a Christian's life as opposed to an unbeliever's life?
- 4) What does it mean to be holy?
- 5) What was claimed to be the most pleasurable and fulfilling thing on Earth? What do you think? Are you experiencing this consistently?