“Ready for Action”
1 Peter 1:13-25

Our dramatic change in status in Jesus Christ calls us to corresponding changes in behavior and attitude. Our salvation calls us to holiness and to love.

Outline of 1 Peter (so far):
I. Greetings (1:1-2)
II. The Salvation of God’s People (1:3-2:10).
   A. Our Salvation Motivates Praise in Suffering (1:3-12).
   B. Our Salvation Produces Character (1:13-25).

I. Our Salvation Calls Us to Holiness (1:13-21).

What is holiness?
   ▪ Complete Focus (13)

   Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
   —1 Peter 5:8

   ▪ Separation from sin (14).

   For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.
   —1 Peter 4:3

   Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.
   —Philippians 4:8-9

   ▪ Imitation of God (15-16).
Why Pursue Holiness?

- We face future judgment (17).

  For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that
each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body,
according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
—2 Cor 5:10

- We have been redeemed (18-21).

II. Our Salvation Calls Us to Love (1:22-25).

  “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as
I have loved you, that you also love one another. “By this all men will
know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
—John 13:34-35

Does your behavior toward God and others reflect your new status in Christ?