

Believers in God

TEXT: 1 Pet. 1:13 - 25

INTRODUCTION:

- A. CHRISTIANS DISTINGUISHED BY FAITH, HENCE "**BELIEVERS IN GOD.**"
- B. TEXT REVEALS CHARACTERISTICS OF "**BELIEVERS IN GOD.**"

I. ONE WHO "GIRDS UP HIS LOINS" - IS PREPARED(vs. 13).

- A. HE IS SOBER, *nepho*-"1) to be sober, to be calm and collected in spirit 2) to be temperate, to be dispassionate, to be circumspect." Take it seriously(**1 Pet. 5:8**).
- B. HIS HOPE IS SET ON JESUS(**Col. 3:1-2**).

II. A CHILD OF OBEDIENCE(vs. 13-16).

- A. NOT THE SAME AS IN THE TIMES OF THEIR IGNORANCE.
 - 1. Change demanded by God(**Acts 17:30**).
 - 2. Former lusts must lose their hold(**Rom. 6:17**).
- B. HE IS HOLY(**Titus 2:13-14; 2 Cor. 7:1**).

III. CALLS ON GOD AS FATHER(vs. 17). A CHILD OF GOD.

- A. NOT EVERYONE IS A SPIRITUAL CHILD OF GOD(**John 8:44**).
- B. IN ORDER TO BE A CHILD OF GOD, ONE MUST BE BEGOTTEN OF GOD (**1 Pet. 1:3, 13**).
- C. NOTICE THAT A CHILD OF GOD IS LIKE GOD(**1 John 3:1-3; Eph. 5:1-2**).
- D. THIS ALLOWS US TO BE JOINT WITH CHRIST(**Rom. 8:16-17**).

IV. ONE WHO HAS BEEN REDEEMED BY BLOOD(vs. 18-21).

- A. ALL HAVE SINNED(**Rom. 3:23**) AND DESERVE DEATH(**Rom. 6:23**).
- B. BY THE BLOOD **REDEEMED**. *lutroo*-"to redeem, to liberate by payment of ransom" - **Thayer**.
- C. JESUS GAVE HIS BLOOD IN OUR PLACE(**Matt. 20:28; 2 Cor. 5:14-15**).
- D. HIS BLOOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SIN(**1 John 1:7**).

V. HAS PURIFIED HIS SOUL IN OBEDIENCE(vs. 22).

- A. THE TRUTH IS FOUND IN THE TEACHING OF JESUS(**John 17:17; 8:32**).
- B. THE NECESSITY OF OBEDIENCE(**Heb. 5:8-9**).
- C. OBEDIENCE BRINGS ABOUT CLEANSING(**1 Pet. 3:21**).

VI. BEGOTTEN AGAIN THROUGH THE WORD(vs. 23-25).

- A. THE WORD PRODUCES FAITH IN THE HEARER(**Rom. 10:17**).
- B. FAITH IS PERFECTED IN OBEDIENCE(**James 2:21-24**).
- C. AS PHYSICAL BEGETTAL IS CONSUMMATED BY PHYSICAL BIRTH, SPIRITUAL BEGETTAL IS BY SPIRITUAL BIRTH(**John 3:5**).

CONCLUSION: ARE YOU A TRUE BELIEVER IN GOD?