

# What Manner of Persons?

**TEXT: 2 Pet. 2:8-13**

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS **OUGHT** - "behooves," "must," "necessary," "what is right."
- B. OUR EMPHASIS IS ON "**OUGHT TO DO**."
- C. PETER'S EMPHASIS ON "**OUGHT TO BE**."
- D. WHAT WE "DO" IS A PRODUCT OF WHAT WE "ARE" ( **Luke 6:43-45** ).

**SO WE ASK THE QUESTION:**

## I. WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT WE TO BE?

- A. IN ALL HOLY LIVING AND GODLINESS:
  1. "**HOLY**" - Separate, set apart, holy - **hagios** - Sanctified.
    - a. SET APART **from** WHAT?( **Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 6:17-7:1** ).
      - i. How the world thinks ( **Eph. 4:17-20; 1 Cor. 2:14** ).
      - ii. What they pursue ( **Gal. 5:16-19** ).
      - iii. Be not partakers ( **Eph. 5:3-11** ).
      - iv. **Psa. 1:1-2**.
    - b. SET APART **to** SOMETHING( **1 Pet. 1:2** ).
      - obedience( **Titus 2:14** ).
      - sprinkling of the **blood** – **forgiveness**.
  2. "**GODLINESS**" - piety, reverence, in a sense "Godlikeness." ( **2 Pet. 1:3-4** ). God hath granted unto us:
    - a. **What?** "all things that pertain to L & G." "his precious and exceeding great promises"
    - b. **How?** "thru a knowledge of him" - Jesus.
    - c. **Why?** "that thru these ye may become partakers of the Divine Nature"
    - d. **What effects this?** "having escaped the corruption that is in the world thru lust" ( **Col. 3:9-10** ).
- B. CHARACTERISTICS OF PARTAKERS OF DIVINE NATURE( **2 Pet.1:5-7** )
  1. Faith            2. Virtue    3. Knowledge            4. Self-control
  5. Patience        6. Godliness    7. Brotherly kindness    8. Love.

## II. RESULT OF HOLY LIVING AND GODLINESS( 2 Pet. 1:8-11 ).

- A. NOT IDLE OR UNFRUITFUL."
- B. "OUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE."
- C. "YE SHALL NEVER STUMBLE."
- D. "ENTRANCE INTO THE ETERNAL KINGDOM."

## III. WITH THESE THINGS ASSURED, WE CAN "LOOK FOR AND EARNESTLY DESIRE THE COMING OF THE DAY OF GOD

( 2 Pet. 3:12 ).

## CONCLUSION:

- A. DO YOU EARNESTLY DESIRE THE COMING OF THAT DAY?

B. ARE YOU THE "MANNER OF PERSON" YOU OUGHT TO BE?