

## “Our Mandate” - 1 Peter 1:13-25

Ask - What is a mandate? Where have you heard this word before?

Background - Peter began this letter by urging his readers to set their hope in the sure inheritance that had been promised to them in Christ. In today’s lesson, he shifts to a series of practices that Christians should live by.

“Holy” - 1 Peter 1:13-16

(v13) What are we to do with our minds and spirit? On what must we fix our hope? When will our hope be realized?

(v14) What type of children must we be? Generally speaking, what were our former lusts? When we walked in them, what were we ignorant of?

(v15-16) What are we as Christians to be in our conduct? Like who? Read Leviticus 19:2. What does it mean to be holy?

PETER TELLS BELIEVERS TO SET THEIR MINDS, SPIRITS, AND HOPE ON JESUS. HE TELLS THEM TO BE OBEDIENT AND HOLY.

“Redeemed” - 1 Peter 1:17-21

(v17) How is the Father described in this verse? How should Christians address Him? What is “the time of your sojourn”?

(v18-19) How were slaves redeemed in ancient times? How are sinners redeemed from their sin? Discuss.

(v20-21) Since when had the Messiah been foreknown? But when did He appear on earth and why? What did God do for His Son? Upon Who is a Christian’s faith and hope fixed?

PETER TELLS BELIEVERS TO ADDRESS GOD WITH FEAR. THEY HAVE BEEN REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS, AND THEIR FAITH AND HOPE IS IN HIM.

“Brotherly Love” - 1 Peter 1:22-25

(v22) What does Peter command Christians to do “from the heart”? What must this love be rooted in (purified by)? Discuss.

(v23) Born again Christians are what type of seed? Through what did they become this way?

(v24-25) Read Isaiah 40:8. What characteristic of God's Word is stressed in this verse? In what way(s) is God's word "good news"?

PETER TELLS CHRISTIANS TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER IN THE TRUTH. THIS TRUTH COMES FROM GOD'S ETERNAL AND INCORRUPTIBLE WORD.

Application - The Bible tells lost people how to be saved, but it also tells believers how to live as Christians. Peter urges his readers, who are Christians, to be holy. He reminds them that they have been redeemed by the blood of Christ and should aspire to live in obedience to Him. They should love each other fervently, with their love rooted in the truth of God's Word. What aspects of godly living are most challenging for you?