

Amity Bible Church

“Knowing God and Making Him Known”

Sunday Bible Study

Series: God is _____

June 11, 2017

Text: 1 Peter 1:13-19

Theme: “God is Holy”

Key Observation: We often speak about the attributes of God, but when we say that God is holy, we are not talking about one attribute out of many...we are talking about the *character* of God Himself. Holiness, when applied to God, means that He is utterly pure and utterly unique. It means that He is incomparable, He is without parallel and He is without peer. The real question is how we respond to the holiness of God. Peter gives us three admonitions. If we live a life of hope, hope will lead to a life of holiness and a life of holiness will lead us to a life of honor.

Lessons:

- 1) When we as believers fully grasp what Jesus Christ did for us on the Cross, we are able to live a life of hope. (1 Peter 1:13-14)**
 - a. We have been born again to a living hope based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
 - b. That living hope gives us confidence that we have an inheritance that is being kept for us in heaven. It is an inheritance that is unlike anything that we have experienced.

- c. Our inheritance is imperishable, it is undefiled and it will not fade away.
- d. Not only is our inheritance being kept for us, we are being protected for it while we are here in earth.
- e. Since we have confidence that we will live eternally with Jesus, we can live a life of complete hope.

2) When we live a life of hope, it will lead us to a life of holiness.

(1 Peter 1:15-16)

- a. Peter tells us in verses 15 and 16 that God is not like anything or anyone we can conceive of. He is above us. He is beyond us. He is so different that everyone in the Bible, regardless of how devout or learned they were, they fell on their faces in in fear, humility and repentance at even a glimpse of the Holy God.
- b. When a man or a woman sees God for who He is...holy, exalted, majestic...the result is almost always traumatic. When Habakkuk encountered the Holy God, his inward parts trembled, his lips quivered and decay entered his bones. He was overwhelmed by the presence of a Holy God.
- c. The more aware we become of God's holiness, the more aware we become of our own wretchedness. This awareness together with the knowledge that the gap between His holiness and our holiness can only be filled by Him, our consuming passion is to be holy because the One who called us is holy.

3) When live a life of hope, that hope leads us to a life of holiness and a life of holiness leads us to a life of honor. (1 Peter 1:17-19)

- a. Holiness is the absolute standard of conduct established by God, Himself. His expectation is that we will be holy in all of our conduct.
- b. Our main task as believers is to know God...to know His character, to know His will, and then to obey that will completely.
- c. We honor God just as we honored our parents...by obeying them completely. We lived with our parents in a kind of “reverential fear”. We respected their authority, we believed them to be right, and we obeyed them to demonstrate our honor and respect.
- d. God gives us a living hope based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We live out that hope in our everyday lives. That hope leads us to an understanding of the holiness of God and our obligation to be holy as He is holy. As we live in hope and in holiness, we demonstrate our deference to God by the way we obey Him in all that He commands.