

7 Characteristics of Holy People

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The apostle Peter urged Christians to keep in mind that they are to be a holy people. Seven characteristics of holy people from 1 Peter 1:13-25 are:

Holy People Are Obedient

“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children” (vv. 13-14a).

Holy People Are Different

“Not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation [“in all manner of holy living,” ASV; “in all your conduct,” NKJV]; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy” (vv. 14b-16).

Holy People Are Humble

“And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man’s work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear” (v. 17).

Holy People Are Knowledgeable

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory” (vv. 18-21a).

Holy People Are Faithful

“That your *faith* and hope might be in God” (v. 21b, emphasis added).

Holy People Are Hopeful

“That your faith and *hope* might be in God” (v. 21b, emphasis added).

Holy People Are Purified

“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you” (vv. 22-25).