

Given all God has done for us, how do we respond . . . how are you responding with your life?

1. We are Redeemed to Reflect Him and That's Called Obedience (v.2, 14, 22)

When did you last think, "How can I obey Him today?"

2. We're Told How He Expects us to Respond (v.13)

A. Set Your Hope Completely on the Coming Christ

Be Alert & Sober-Minded

A praying lifestyle - 4:7

Alert & resisting the enemy – 5:8

Not intoxicated by the world – Colossians 3:2-3, 1 John 2:15-17

B. Don't Set Your Mind on the World (v.14 – same as Romans 12:2)

"former ignorance"

Born of sin and self, not of the spirit – Galatians 5:16-21

Born of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22

Your new self must discipline your old self – 4:2-3

C. Be Holy, because the One Who Redeemed You Is Holy (v.15-16)

You are who you are because of what He has done – 2:9

Without holy conduct, there's no power, witness or joy – 2:12, 3:1-2, 16

3. Why Give Yourself To Such A Radically Different Life (v.17)

- A. Because God Will Judge Your Work (your future is secure, but your reward is not)

Our present power, joy & effectiveness depends on our holy lifestyle.

We will give an account to God – Romans 14:12

The way we live will be evaluated by God – 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

We will be rewarded or not, depending on how we live – 2 Corinthians 5:9-11

- B. Because God who Saves Anyone Also Judges Everyone the Same – no partiality

- C. Because the God Who Saves Also Judges

- D. Because the Price He Paid for Your Freedom Was Supreme (v.18-19)

- E. Because God Did Not React to Your Sin, But Planned for Your Redemption (v.20)

- F. Because Jesus Christ Died to Set You Free FROM Sin, Not to Set You Free TO Sin (v.21)

By His Blood, our consciences are made clear – Hebrews 9:14 – not to continue in sin

By His Blood, we come to Him – Hebrews 10:19 – not to bring our filth with us

By His Blood, we will overcome Satan – Revelation 12:11 – not to partner with Satan

4. Our Response

We put our faith and hope in God – v.21

We put our old man to death and put on Christ

We love the Lord and fear Him in holy reverence

We put all our hope in Him and so we set our minds on things above