

Problem:

to be ready and sober minded - 1 Peter 5:8; 4:7; 1:13

the problem is that we are often anything but-

We tend to be casual in our thinking, conformed in our living and careless in our prioritizing. but its time to wake up

Text:**set your hope fully on grace - think differently**

1Pet. 1:13 ¶ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

therefore - 1 Peter 1:1-12

set your hope fully -

preparing your mind for action -

(lit. gird up the loins of your mind) -effort in thought life that leads to action - 2 Cor 10:3-6

being sober minded - 1 Peter 4:7; 5:8

not carried away with false theology - Eph 4:14

-like what - 2 Tim 3:1-7 - lovers of self always learning never coming to truth

-contrast sober judgment - Rom 12:3

-thinking in a new way requires real discipline/hard work. It is not something that happens accidentally but is where spiritual warfare is actually fought. -Jude illustrates the battle is one of ideas and doctrine

be holy in all your conduct - live differently

1Pet. 1:14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,

1Pet. 1:15 but as he who called you is holy, you also **be holy** in all your conduct,

1Pet. 1:16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Be Holy - holiness is a call to alien-ness - 1 Peter 1:1; 2:11

Lev 18:1-5 - a call to live differently/holy

Lev 19:1-4 - because God is different/holy

Phil 3:18-21 - this is not our home - we cannot serve our old nature

-Christians are called to be different because God is different. The call to holiness is a call to alien-ness and to be like God is to reject our former manner of conforming to the world around us.

conduct yourselves with fear - feel differently

1Pet. 1:17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, **conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,**

1Pet. 1:18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,

1Pet. 1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

1Pet. 1:20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you

1Pet. 1:21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

-Father - often you hear folks call God "daddy," in shockingly irreverent ways - notice this reference to His fatherhood is also linked to our reverential fear of Him

Rom 1:18-32 - willing ignorance- ignoring Him etc -the opposite of fear of God
-when we do acknowledge Him it is with irreverence - we profane His name (**Ex 20:7**)
fear of God is the beginning of wisdom - **Prov 1:7, 28-31; 2:1-5; ...23:17-18**
fear/respect seriousness of climbing a mountain etc- **Phil 2:12**

Fear and fatherhood- **Luke 12:4-7**

fear and speaking of Him - **John 7:11-13; 9:20-23; 12:40-43** - they didn't want to be different

Implication -but that is the very will of God for us - Jn 17:11-20

Main Idea:

Christian, you have been born again. Its time to think differently, live differently, prioritize differently.

Implication: John 17:11-20

God did not shed the precious blood of His Son so we could conform to this world. He didn't pay the ultimate price to make a band of Jesus-loving-hermits, cloistered in little Christian ghettos. He did it to make alien ambassadors, boldly different in thought action and priorities, who will be in the world but not of the world.

Application:

(13)we are naturally undisciplined in our thinking, easily putting our hope in whatever comes up in front of us, like drunken sailors we stagger from opinion to opinion without discipline.

(14-16)we have no problem being holy in some of our conduct - just not all of it. Our problem is a natural conformity with the fallen world we live in.

(17-21)we have the tendency to not respect the weight and seriousness of the faith God paid the ultimate price for, easily ignoring the God whose judgment we know matters above all else. Its like playing soccer next to a cliff - how careful would you be? its like surfing a big wave, or making a big presentation - we respect the consequences and are motivated accordingly to act with seriousness.

-Jn 17:11-20 teaches us that we are not called to be isolated but insulated.

-we are not called to be isolated from the evil and pain and people of the world

-we are however called to be insulated by the Word of God, by the Truth we know in the midst of the a world that disregards it-

Action:

If you want to learn how to...

Think differently -> Check out Barabbas University

Live differently -> Join a 242 group

Prioritize differently -> Sign up to pray backstage

here are some articles to study further:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/in-but-not-of-world.html>

http://www.labri.org/england/resources/08042008/JB03_Christian-Mind.pdf

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/biblestudies/bible-answers/theology/whatdoesgodmean.html>