

1 Peter 1:13-16

Prepare your minds for action(verse 13)

This is language similar to what Paul had used in Romans 12:1-2.

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, ^[a]acceptable to God, *which is your* ^[b]spiritual service of worship. ²And do not be conformed to this ^[c]world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may ^[d]prove what the will of God is, that which is good and ^[a]acceptable and perfect.

- A Christian is to continue to grow in the knowledge of God (**2 Peter 3:18**).
- Renewing the mind and growing in knowledge is vital to sanctification and holiness (**Ephesians 4:22-24**).
- One of the themes seen in churches in America is to shut off your mind when you come to church and just let your emotions take over.
- It's not what "I feel," but rather what "I know." Feelings will fluctuate and deceive you, but the Word of God is immutable in its truth!
- To shut off the mind and to just let your emotions guide you, is the opposite of Biblical teaching. We are instructed to use our mind and to renew them daily to learn and grow more in the knowledge of God.
- The more a true Christian knows about God, the more their affection for Him will grow.
- High theology=High Doxology.
- Our minds must be sober and without interference from things that will impact our mind and our thoughts.

Peter tells them to prepare their mind for action. The battles are coming, the trials are coming, the testing is coming, the daily grind is coming, and it will be a battle and sometimes a war. Therefore, prepare your mind with the truth of God so it will be a light to your path, guide you into all truth, and progress your sanctification!

Fix your hope

Peter instructs the exiles to fix their hope on the grace of God! *It is by grace that we have been saved through faith: and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God* (**Ephesians 2:8**). They are to be able to fix their hope more consistently on the grace of God that is to be revealed at the coming of Christ as a result of continued renewing of their mind in the words of God. The same goes for us today, in the middle of the chaos of this world, we can fix our hope on our future more steadfastly and consistently with the renewing of our minds. We are to fix our hope in the future promises of God and the receiving of our inheritance.

- **Titus 2:11-14** For the grace of God has appeared, ^[f]bringing salvation to all men, ¹² ^[a]instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of ^[b]our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Don't be conformed (verse 14)

Our non-conformity comes from a mind that has been transformed by regeneration. God has caused us to have a change of mind which is what the word repentance means (a change of mind).

Ephesians 4:22-24 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old ^[a]self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and put on the new ^[b]self, which ^[c]in *the likeness of God* has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

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We similar language being given by Paul in regard to the former lusts in Ephesians 2:1-3.

- **Ephesians 2:1-3** And you ^[a]were dead ^[b]in your trespasses and sins, ²in which you formerly walked according to the ^[c]course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, ^[d]indulging the desires of the flesh and of the ^[e]mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
- The Christians life is a call to non-conformity to the world and conformity to the image of God(**Rom 8:29**).
- Our sanctification is linked with the renewing of our mind and growing in knowledge of God.

Called to be Holy (verse 15)

The word in Hebrew, where the word holy comes from is the word Kadesh. This means: to set apart, separateness, apartness, sacred, cut out from, otherness. The secondary meaning of holy is pure and righteous actions.

- God is holy. God's holiness is what makes God, God. All his attributes are a result of His holiness.
- Since God is the only one who is holy by His being, He is the only one who can declare anything holy. Things or people are not holy in themselves and can only be declared holy by the true holy one, God.
- As believers we have been called and declared holy and set apart not because of any innate thing in us, but because of the sovereign declaration of God.
- He sets us apart from the world as we are His children predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.
- We are called to be holy or separate from the world since the One who calls us is Holy. Our actions should not be conformed to the world but be transformed to His likeness (**Romans 8:29**) We are to desire to live a life of separation from the world and for our actions to be pure and righteous (**1 John 3:3**) (**1 John 2:6**) (**2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1**)

Be holy, for He is holy (verse 16)

"You shall be holy, for I am holy" comes from Leviticus 11:44 in regard to the dietary restrictions that were placed on the Israelites to set them apart from the other nations and to show their separation from the world.

The true and Holy God has called the believers to be holy and set apart for Him. While we are exiles in this world we are to renew our minds and set our hope on our inheritance that we are to receive as we will declare to the God who rescued..... .Holy, Holy, Holy!