



It's possible that our attempts to be separate and holy does more to close people out of a relationship with Christ than to invite them in. Yet God does call His people to be different; different from what they would be if they did not have a relationship with Jesus Christ and different from the unbelievers around them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read and meditate on [1st Peter 1:13-25](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important to you. Why are they important?
2. Think of a Christian you admire. In what ways does that person resemble Christ? Praise God for what you learn about Him through others.
3. What do you think others might say they admire about you that resembles Christ? List those qualities.
4. Peter lists several ways that followers of Jesus ought to respond to his gift of salvation in [verses 13-16](#). Define each of these responses more fully.
5. What events from the past would help the recipients of Peter's letter to appreciate God's concern for them ([verses 18-21](#))?
6. How could the conditions that Peter describes in [verses 21-25](#) promote sincere love among Christians?
7. Peter links the Word of God with salvation and new birth. (Compare [verses 10, 12, 23](#) and [25](#).) What is the link between the two? What do you think Peter meant when he said that “[the word of the Lord endures forever](#)”?
8. How might an honest attempt to “be holy” improve your relationships with people close to you and not push them away?
9. In what situations might it make you, as [verse 17](#) says, more like a [stranger](#) (e.g., [foreigner](#) or [temporary residence](#))?

MOVING FORWARD

Jot a quick list of all you have to do today (or tomorrow). How could you begin to tackle this list with the goal "Be holy in all you do"? Pray specifically from your list that you would be holy and would improve relationships with those around you.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“²⁴ For all flesh is like grass, and all its glory like a flower of the grass. The grass withers, and the flower drops off, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.” [1st Peter 1:24-25](#)