

WALKING WITH GOD

I Peter 1:13-21

God expects believers to walk with Him

I. WALK CONFIDENTLY (13)

A. FOCUSED ON CHRIST (13c)

- “Hope completely ...”

1. Expecting Christ
2. Expecting gifts
3. Expecting fulfillment

- Anticipation without disappointment - See Heb. 11:1

B. PREPARED FOR ACTION (13a)

- Excited and equipped to work

C. ALERT IN SPIRIT (13b)

1. Discerning: “Sober”
2. Undistracted

II. WALK RIGHTEOUSLY (14-16)

A. THE PATTERN (14a)

- As obedient children

1. Following directions
2. Respecting authority
3. Eager to learn and grow
4. Admired by adults

B. THE PROHIBITION (14b)

- Not worldly

1. Not allowing sinful things to impress, impact or influence us
2. Not justifying sinful behavior

C. THE PRESCRIPTION (15-16)

- Being holy
- 1. The Exhortation (15)
 - a. Be holy
 - b. In all behavior
- 2. The Confirmation (16)
 - Because God says so!

III. **WALK REVERENTLY** (17-21)

A. THE REQUIREMENT (17b)

- Conduct yourselves in fear
- 1. An awe and respect for God
- 2. An adoring gratitude
- 3. “The proper esteem of an obedient and happy child secure in a close and warm relationship with a much-admired Father.” [Norman Hillyer, “I & 2 Peter, Jude” p. 48-49]

B. THE REASONS

1. Because of God’s assessment (17a)
 - That is impartial and personal - See II Corinthians 5:10
2. Because of Christ’s investment (18-21)
 - a. His precious blood (18-19a)
 - b. His perfect sacrifice (19b)
 - c. His placement in history (20-21)
 - Planned in the past but presented now for us

CONCLUSION: Will you be walking with God when He takes you home?