

# *Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church*

Sunday School Lesson

2.15.2026

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Holy Conduct

## **1 Peter 1: 14 - 17**

How do we as believers conduct ourselves in our life in Christ. It involves leaving behind the old selfish worldly desires and living in our new life of truth, for it is by this behavior, that is our witness unto the world. Now, following Christ example of Gods mercy, his grace, and his love, displaying humility, and living in a way that reflects the gospel of his saving grace, by relying upon the Holy Spirit, means living a life that is dedicated to pleasing and glorifying God. Now, we are talking about the behavior of those who have accepted, by faith, Christ as savior, indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and making it possible for us to serve God. As believers, we are Gods workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, fully committed and empowered to the Fathers will. Remembering this, we are a chosen people, called to be doers of the word, offering our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God. Therefore, we must keep our conduct honorable, so that others may see our good works and glorify God.

**1 Peter 3: 15,....**sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear....

As believers, our conduct should be to treat Christ as the ultimate authority in our life, and we should always be ready to tell others about the good news of salvation. As we live out our hope in Christ Jesus, the world around us will see, and question the reason of that hope.

**1 Peter 1: 14,....**as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance....

As believers, through our new birth in Christ, we are heirs to an eternal kingdom that can never be lost. This is our reminder to focus on things eternal, rather than on things of earthly value. This eternal security that we have in Christ is dependent upon our unfailing trust in him, which is our living hope. But it is not just a living hope in our life just for today, it is a lasting hope for all eternity. An everlasting, undefiled, secure, imperishable hope, kept for us in heaven, by Gods amazing grace, a hope that depends entirely upon the faithfulness of Christ. Christ lived a life that we could never have lived, for it was a life in total obedience unto God the Father, and he died a death that we deserved. Now, we are Gods children, saved by his grace, and when we were saved, we were immediately transformed into the image of Christ, we were transformed, but not yet perfected, and it is for this reason that we are called to continue in his sanctification process through the renewal of our minds.

**Ephesians 4: 20 – 24,....**but ye have not so learned Christ....ye have heard him, and....been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus....ye put off concerning ....the old man, which is corrupt....and be ye renewed in the spirit of your mind....put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness....

Our holy conduct in Christ means that we have made the decision to remove ourselves from a sinful past into a new life in him. Our wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of him is not just an enlightened state of mind, but is an action of transformation, a personal relationship that makes living according to our former corrupt self-impossible, because we now live in a demanding Christ centered life. This change now shows that our previous sinful lifestyle is incompatible with our new identity of truth and righteousness in Christ.

**1 Peter 1: 15 – 16,....**but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation....because it is written, be ye holy, for I am holy....

As believers, we are to be set apart from our worldly, sinful, lustful desires, and dedicated completely, wholly, and entirely unto God. This means that we are to reflect Christ divine holiness through our actions of obedience, and by our moral standards and character, to be used for his purpose. This is based upon our identity as a child of God, which requires effort, not through oneself, but through the work of the Holy Spirit. We are to align our life with Gods purpose and plan, which is a living response to the grace which we have already received. Now, we will not achieve sinless perfection in this life, but we are to strive toward the mark of our calling in Christ Jesus.

**1 John 3: 2,....**now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is....

As believers, we are the children of God, and even though we should be experiencing the blessings of our glorified state, it has not yet been fully revealed unto us. The promise of a fulfilled glorified state serves as motivation in our life, encouraging us to conform to the image of his Son, Christ Jesus. It was and is the love of God that calls us into and guarantees us the hope of our future eternal life with God.

**1 Peter 1: 17,....**and if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear....

As believers, we are to live out our temporary life here on earth with a holy respect unto God, for he judges all of mankind impartially according to our deeds. Therefore, as believers, we are called to live differently from the world, focusing on our obedience to Gods word, for it is his word that judges and assesses the actions of our worldly behaviors. Now, we must understand that even though our salvation is secure, our actions here on earth matters, and we should not consider what we believe to be to be small sins, as being acceptable unto God, for all sin is equally wrong, and any sin is enough to condemn us. Therefore, many struggle with the idea that there are different degrees of punishment for many sins that are committed. The rewards that we receive will be proportionate to our faithfulness, for our actions will reveal the sincerity of our faith. So, while any and all sin will hinder our relationship with God and cause separation, his word informs us that punishment and wrath is given accordingly to the severity and to the knowledge surrounding the sinfulness in our life.

**Romans 2: 2 – 12,....**we are sure that the judgement of God is according to truth....thinkest thou this....that thou shalt escape the judgement of God....thy....impenitent heart treasures up unto thy self-wrath....of the righteous judgement of God....who will render unto every man according to his deeds....for there is no respect of persons with God....

Divine judgement is impartial, it is righteous, and it is based upon the actions, deeds, and evidence of a person's life, for our actions reveal the heart, and our works serve as the evidence of whether our faith is true unto God. God judges everyone fairly, according to our works, for our works are the outward demonstration of our inward faith, or lack thereof. We are responsible for our choices, and God keeps a record of all our actions, both good and evil. God is a just God, and he desires that our conduct as believers should be holy, but he judges us by the evidence of our actions. A truly changed life will align with a genuine faith in him, while disobedience reveals a heart that is not completely submitted to him. So, how holy is our spiritual conduct.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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