

Not just a trivial pursuit

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Be holy

1 Pet 1:13-19

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. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, ...

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In our context:

- consecration
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Grace vs Holiness

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Consecration

2 Cor 6:14-17

¹⁴ ...For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ...¹⁷

“Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, ¹⁸ and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

Purity

2 Cor 7:1

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

Purity

Rom 6:1-2, 6-7

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

Holiness is a life centered on God

John 3:30

He must increase, but I must decrease."