

August 23, 2015
I Peter 1:13-16

BE DIFFERENT

I. INTRODUCTION:

Illustration: “Keepers Of The Spring”

“We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.”

1 John 5:19

II. A CHALLENGE TO BE DIFFERENT

1) You have been made new.

[14] As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. [15] **But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;**” 1 Peter 1:13-15

**Choosing to be holy is choosing to be different.
Choosing to be different is a discipline.**

2) Prepare yourself for a different life.

“Therefore, **prepare your minds for action**; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. 1 Peter 1:13

3) We need to prepare for a new life because God paid a price for you.

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.” 1 Peter 1:18-19

POINTS TO PONDER
Week of August 23rd to August 30th

Open It

1. *What standards or examples do many people use to determine how they should live?
2. When was the last time you felt like a stranger?

Explore It

3. *What bold challenge did Peter give his readers? ([1:13](#))
4. *What pressure must we resist conforming to? ([1:14](#))
5. *What does God challenge us to be? Why? ([1:15-16](#))
6. Why did Peter tell these believers to live as strangers "in reverent fear"? ([1:17](#))
7. With what are believers redeemed from their sins? ([1:18-19](#))
8. When was Christ chosen and revealed? Why? ([1:20](#))
9. What did these readers believe? ([1:21](#))
10. How had these Christians purified themselves? ([1:22](#))
11. What did Peter urge his readers to do? ([1:22](#))
12. How had these believers been born again? ([1:23](#))
13. What lasts forever? ([1:25](#))
14. Of what did Peter urge us to rid ourselves? ([2:1](#))

15. What should we crave? Why? ([2:2](#))

16. What have believers tasted? ([2:3](#))

Get It

17. When are we tempted by evil desires? Why?

18. *In practical terms, what does it mean to be holy?

19. *Why is being holy difficult?

20. In what situations do you tend to feel like a stranger?

21. What does it mean to live like a stranger in this world?

22. How can you love other believers?

23. What truth should we obey in order to purify ourselves?

24. How can our priorities reflect the fact that our lives are temporary while God's Word is eternal?

25. What things in life do you crave?

26. How do we satisfy our spiritual longings?

Apply It

27. What sins (such as malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, slander, etc.) do you need to rid yourself of starting today?

28. How will you tangibly show love for another Christian this week?

29. *What step can you take right away in order to live a more holy life?