

***Be Holy As I am Holy***  
***I Peter 1:13-21***

After hearing of all the wonderful things God has done for us, our book now shifts gears to discuss what we should do; thus moving from calling to conduct . . . from identity to responsibility.

**Central concept: (15) “Be like the Holy One who called you”**

**WHY DOES GOD EXPECT US TO BE LIKE HIM?**

- (13) **It’s appropriate.** See earlier blessings
- (14,15) **It’s natural.** Mtt. 5:48, Eph. 5:1
- (16) **It’s historical.** 2:9, Lv. 11:44, 19:2, 20:26
- (17) **It’s rewarding.** 2:17, Phil. 2:12, I Cor. 3:13-15
- (8-21) **It’s so costly.** 2<sup>nd</sup> mentioning of *Blood of Christ*, 1:2

**HOW CAN GOD EXPECT US TO BE LIKE HIM?**

- (13) You must “gird up the loins of your mind” (KJV) and “be alert / sober” (Rom. 12:2) See context of “sober” in 4:7. “Revelation of Jesus Christ” in 1:5, 7b = 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. Fixated on our Hope--I Jn. 3:2,3m Mtt. 24:42-45
- (14) Holiness negatively requires dumping old “desires.” See potential problem areas: 2:1, 2:16-18, 3:1,7, 4:3,4.