

Holiness
Part 4
Living Obediently in Hope

1 Peter 1:14; Romans 7:15-25

Introduction:

“As obedient children do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance”.

I. Ponder Peter’s choice of words.

Peter is calling us to be God’s “obedient children” v. 14

Sandwiched between:

V. 13 “set you hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you
at the revelation of Jesus Christ”

V. 15 “as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct”

A. God’s people are called to take sin _____.

1. Sin is an issue for God’s people.
2. No one is fully sanctified in this life.
3. The psychology of our culture is at war with the notion of personal sin.
4. Eternity holds for us, among many glorious things,
unending views of “His hands, His feet, His side”
5. Next week Part II.

B. God’s people should regard grace _____.

1. People rooted in legalism fear license.
2. People rooted in license fear legalism.
3. People rooted in grace pursue obedience.

II. Some ways as God's "obedient children" we regard grace most seriously:

A. We regard grace most seriously when our most frequent and most prolonged looks are at Christ in who's image we are being, and finally will fully be, conformed.

B. We regard grace most seriously when we reject an attitude that views sin as "no big deal"

"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?" **Romans 6.1-2**

C. We regard grace most seriously when we reject a "sin management" approach, longing instead for a transformation of our heart and character toward conformity of Christ.

"The gospel of sin management produces vampire Christians who want Jesus for his blood and little else." - From Dallas Willard's "Divine Conspiracy"

D. Is it enough to be forgiven or do you yearn for transformation?

E. We regard grace most seriously when we cast off the marginalizing effect of guilt.

John Piper --

F. We regard grace most seriously when we remember with that our final outcome is assured.

"For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace."

Romans 6:14

III. Paul left us with a vivid and personal portrait of the war within. **Romans 7:15-25**

A. The war within is unrelenting.

B. You will stumble and you will fall.

IV. Why I am so grateful to God for Paul's dilemma in Romans 7.

A. It shows the _____ of the Christians war within.

B. It shows the _____ of Jesus Christ and His grace.

C. It shows the _____ of Jesus Christ on His children.

V. Remembering _____ we are points us toward grace for our sanctification in this life.

"obedient children...." "Do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance".