The Christian is to be holy

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Introduction

1. Text 1 Peter 1:13-15
2. The word holy means, in one case to be different
    a. The Sabbath was holy; it was to be different from other days
    b. The temple was holy; it was to be different from other buildings
    c. The Christian is to be holy; he is to be different from others
3. We are called to be holy verse 15-16
    a. We are called by God, Matthew 11:28-30
    b. We are called by the Gospel 2 Thessalonians 2:14
    c. We are called to be different, to be used by God!
4. There are four things that we are to do to be holy, let us look at those four things

II Discussion

1. We are to gird up the loins of our mind
    a. Girding was to take the flowing garments of the day and tie them in the belt especially when the garment would get in the way or hinder progress of what the wearer was doing. 1 Samuel 25:13 (girding on the sword) 2 Samuel 3:31 (gird on sackcloth in morning for Abner)
        i. They would gird up their garment if they were on a journey 1 Peter 2:11, 1:4
        ii. If they had to run Hebrews 12:1-2
        iii. If there was warfare 2 Timothy 2:3-4
    b. The loins is the part of the body where the belt or girdle was worn; the middle part of the body. Genesis 35:11; 1 Kings 16:46 Elijah girded and ran
        i. In this case it could refer back to Passover Exodus 12:11
        ii. It was that part of the body that God wanted covered to cover the priest nakedness Exodus 28:42
        iii. This would be the middle part of the mind
    c. The mind is the faculty of understanding
        i. We are to love God with all our minds Matthew 22:37
    d. Thus we are to gather up all the improper thoughts, feelings and activities of the mind and restrain them that they not hinder our progress toward heaven!
2. We are to be sober
    a. Sober means to be of sound mind to be free from the influence of intoxicants.
        i. Why, because of the importance of the journey
        ii. It is self-control, exhibited by calmness of mind, restraint of temper controlled habits of thoughts and deeds
        iii. It means to be vigilant against all your spiritual enemies, be temperate and modest in eating, drinking, apparel, recreation, business and opinions

        iv. This word is a prohibition of the recreational use of alcohol and other drugs.
    b. Elders are to be sober 1 Timothy 3:2, Aged men Titus 2:2, young women and men Titus 2:4,6
    c. We are to be sober because the end will come 4:7
    d. We are to be sober because our enemy is out there 5:8
3. We are to hope
    a. Hope is composed of desire and expectation
    b. It is a lively hope 1:3
    c. We are saved by hope Romans 8:24
    d. Hope is the constant reaching for of grace that comes at the revelation of Christ. James 4:6
    e. The more our faith is built the more hope we have and this all comes by revelation of Christ through His word.
4. As obedient children!
    a. These children are marked by obedience.
    b. They are not doing things as they had done in time past they had completely changed, they were now different thus holy!

III Conclusion

1. We are called today by the same message they were to be holy
2. Are we willing to give up a sinful life to be holy and reach heaven?
3. There is a way that this can be achieved, by obedience

Sources: Sermon heard in Augusta GA, GA commentary on 1 Peter; Denton Lecture on 1 Peter Vine's Dictionary; God's Definition of a Christian sermon outlines from 1 Peter by Tom Holland