

“Holy, Holy, Holy”  
(I Peter 1:1-16)

Have you noticed that when the Bible says, “...like the Holy One Who called you, be holy yourselves in all your behavior, because it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy’ “ (I Pet 1:15,16), that there is not one standard for God and another for man? We have been holified, sanctified, perfected for all time (Heb 10:14) – and what God has done for us, He calls and desires out of us!

It would be a huge mistake to by-pass I Pet 1:1-12 and jump right into I Pet 1:13-16. I Peter 1:1-12 speaks to salvation in its completion. I Peter 1:13-16 speaks to salvation in its (natural, logical) expression. In verses 1-12, Peter reminds us we have been saved FROM an un-holy life (“ignorance... self-indulgence... futility... defiling... perishable”). We, as holy ones, are now “alien... sanctified... born again... livingly hopeful... heirs... imperishable... Divinely protected”. All by the work of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These indicative promises of verses 1-12 precede the imperative directives of verses 13 and following. All these divine provisions pave the way for the human practice of verses 13-16. In view of these tremendous truths, Peter calls us into a vital and responsive participation. Meaning what? There is no passive, careless, accidental, sloppy holiness. There is an intentional cooperation with His holy operation in and through us.

Peter tells us in verse 13 that to “be holy” calls for sober mindfulness, an active intelligence in synch with the mind of Christ (I Cor 2:16; Col 3:1-4). Only when compelled by His love and tethered to His truth will God’s holiness find His release through us. A spiritual sobriety is essential (How many good – holy – decisions have you made “under the influence” of a lie?). To “be holy” also calls for a thorough hopefulness (I Pet 1:13). Holy ones anticipate His full deliverance in any and every circumstance. We are to freely live with a passion for what is possible because of Who is in the circumstance with us, believing nothing is wasted (Ro 8:28-29). To “be holy” calls for nothing less than loving obedience (I Pet 1:14). Participating and sharing in the holiness of God is volitional. We live and move and have our holy being as “obedient children” – the obedience of faith is the naturalized (born again) condition of God’s holy children. We are each “fully sanctified unto obedience” (I Pet 1:2) – set apart, capable of fully and perfectly obeying our Full and Perfect Savior.

Holy ones mindfully, hopefully, and obediently run any race God sets before us. But never as casual spectators. Only as willing participants!



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## GREETINGS

Just because you don't feel something doesn't mean that it is not real or that it is not happening. All of us on earth at this very moment are moving. . . moving very rapidly! Just standing on earth's surface we rotate at 130 feet per second. And the earth itself is revolving around the sun at about 70,000 miles per hour. All the while the Sun is rotating around its galactic center at nearly 500,000 miles per hour. And if that's not enough to make you dizzy, the whole kit and kaboodle is moving through space at 825,000 miles per hour.

What? You don't feel like it? Do you feel the trillions of cells at work in your body right now? Do you sense your liver and pancreas releasing bile and insulin? Are you able to perceive your kidneys filtering 120-150 quarts of blood each day? What? You don't feel these things happening? Then they must not be! Of course they are happening - or you wouldn't be reading this!

Just because we do not feel, sense, or perceive something (through body or soul sense) does not mean it is not real or not happening. What are you going to believe God for this month that you do not feel to be happening or do not perceive to be true?

## Calendar

### JULY

10-12 Waymart, PA (mikeqdaniel.com)  
14 Alachua Study

### AUGUST

14-16 Catch the Fire Church, Myrtle Beach, SC  
(contact: [myrtlebeach@catchthefire.com](mailto:myrtlebeach@catchthefire.com))

**SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 3** Buena Vista, CO (full)


### OCTOBER


22-25 Louisville, KY (502-664-5622)


### OCTOBER


13-15 Sebring, FL (863-382-1085)

## Praise & Prayer

 We are set apart in Christ to fully and perfectly obey our Father

 Our God Who is more reliable than what we feel, perceive, or sense

 To live in a vital and responsive participation with our Holy, Holy, Holy God

 To subordinate our limited and finite human receptors to the "Say So" of the unlimited and infinite God