

WE SHALL BE HOLY

-UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR HOLINESS-



GOD'S HOLY WASH CYCLE

***CONTINUOUS
WASHING REQUIRED***

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"GRACE NOW" WASH CAPSULES

-GUARANTEED TO THOROUGHLY WASH, CLEANSE AND PURIFY



"GRACE TO COME" TIME RELEASE CAPSULES

-GUARANTEED FOREVER

Lives built on GRACE are lives of ...

OBEDIENCE, HOLINESS, REVERENT THANKFULNESS AND BLESSED ASSURANCE

1. **LIVES OF HOLINESS ARE LIVES BUILT ON THE GRACE OF GOD—THE GRACE THAT IS OURS NOW AND THE GRACE THAT IS YET TO COME, 1:10-13.**

- (1 Peter 1:10–13 ESV) Concerning this **GRACE NOW** salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, 11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. 12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look. 13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, **GRACE TO COME** set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- A. **Grace Now:** We must live daily based on the grace that is now ours, 1:10-12.

The Old Testament prophets looked ahead to the grace that has now come to us at Christ's first coming. They were able to do this because of careful, diligent study and the perspective they received from their careful study.

- (John 1:16–17 ESV) For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

- B. **Grace to Come:** We must think through the important and serious necessity of daily living based on the hope of the grace to come, 1:13.

We are now commanded to set our hope fully on the grace that is yet to come at the second coming of Jesus Christ. We will be able to do this by preparing our minds to understand and accept this truth and by awaking our minds to

the reality of our lives in full view of the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- (Revelation 22:12 ESV) Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.
- (Ephesians 2:7 ESV) So that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- (Philippians 1:6 ESV) And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- (1 Peter 4:7 ESV) The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.
- (1 John 2:28 ESV) And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

2. **LIVES OF HOLINESS THAT ARE BUILT ON THE GRACE OF GOD ARE TRANSFORMED BY OBEDIENCE TO GOD, 1:14-16.**

- (1 Peter 1:14–16 ESV) As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

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- (Leviticus 20:7–8 NIV) *Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. 8 Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy.*

GOD DOES IT ... GOD MAKES US HOLY ...

when we submit to and obey God, he transforms our lives into his image. We become holy because we become like God.

- i. Understand that conformity to our old way of living is in opposition to the transformative, washing, holiness work of God in our lives.
- ii. Understand that God transforms us by our obedience to his Spirit and his word.

We need to prepare our minds for the action of right thinking—specifically we determine to set our hope fully on the grace to come. We need to realize that the context for our obedience is that one day we will share in the riches of God’s glory and grace for all eternity.

Understanding the context for our obedience helps us prepare our minds to obey. We better understand the **present working** and the **future promise** of God’s holiness in our lives.

TRANSFORMED LIVES: When we obey God, he transforms us by his grace as we set our minds fully on his grace to come.

CONFORMED LIVES: When we do not obey God, our lives continue to be shaped and formed by the old ways apart from grace.

- iii. Understand that our example of holiness is God himself.
- iv. Understand we are commanded to be holy in everything we do.
- v. Understand that if you are a child of God that you shall be holy.
- vi. Understand that God’s plan for holiness is about obedience—a process, a path to follow.
 - a. God sets a race (our lives) before us to produce holiness in us.
 - b. God produces holiness in our lives as we accept and submit to the life God sets before us.
 - (Hebrews 12:1 ESV) Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

- c. God’s work of holiness yields abundant fruit in our lives as we understand the necessity and accept the purpose of his discipline.
- d. The Father disciplines us because he loves us.
 - (Hebrews 12:5–6 ESV) And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. 6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”
- e. The Father disciplines us so that we may share in his holiness.
 - (Hebrews 12:7, 10 ESV) It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.
- vii. Understand that God’s plan for holiness has always (*Old Testament and New Testament*) been a path to follow on which he transforms his people by the renewing of their minds.

3. LIVES OF HOLINESS BUILT ON THE GRACE OF GOD AND TRANSFORMED THROUGH OUR LOVING, SUBMISSIVE OBEDIENCE TO GOD PRODUCE REVERENT THANKFULNESS AND BLESSED ASSURANCE, 1:17-21.

- (1 Peter 1:17–21 ESV) And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the

foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, **so that your faith and hope are in God.**

- A. When we begin to understand the significance of the price that was paid, we will live with reverent thankfulness, 1:17-19.
- B. When we begin to understand the significance of the price that was paid and the One who paid the price, we will live with blessed assurance that our faith and hope are in God, 1:20-21.

CONCLUSION

“YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

(Philippians 1:6 ESV)

One day, as believers in Jesus Christ, we will be in the presence of a holy God ...

... AND WE WILL READY ...

... BECAUSE WE WILL BE HOLY ...

BREAK THE MOLD OF THE “UN-GRACE” LIFE!

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

(Romans 12:2 ESV)

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The call is to live differently, not just practice religion differently.

–Karen Jobes