

TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

1 Peter 1:15-16

INTRODUCTION

- A. We need to look at taking time to be holy.
- B. What is entailed in being holy?
- C. Regarding the text.
 - 1. We often wonder what all is entailed in being holy.
 - a. We hear preachers speak of being holy.
 - b. We read where we are to be holy. 1 PE 1:16.
 - c. We often do not realize what all is involved in being holy.
 - 2. What is "holy" anyway?
 - a. Comes from the word "agios" and means: "separate from common condition and use; dedicated...hallowed...pure, righteous..." (The Analytical Lexicon to the Greek New Testament, p. 50).
 - b. This shows us that we are to be separated from the world. JA 1:27.
 - c. We are to be dedicated, hallowed, pure and righteous. 1 PE 3:12.
 - 3. Now let us look at our lesson.

DISCUSSION

- I. TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY SPEAK OFT WITH THY LORD.
 - A. We cannot pray to Christ because we pray through Christ to the Father.
 - 1. We are to ask the Father in the name of or by the authority of Christ. JN 16:23.
 - 2. "In the name of" does not mean "in Jesus' name." Acts 2:38; MT 28:19, 20).
 - 3. Should we say "In Christ's Name we pray"? Certainly because we are praying by His authority and we are letting the Father know whose authority we are coming to Him in.
 - B. The Father is our Lord and we are to pray to him often.
 - 1. Never let a day go by that we do not pray. 1 Thess. 5:17.
 - 2. We ought always to pray and never to faint. LK 18:1.
 - 3. Prayer is how we communicate with God.
 - C. We are to abide in him always. JN 15:1-6.
 - D. We are to feed on his word. 2 TI 2:15; 3:15; CO. 4:16; 1 TI 4:13.
- II. TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY MAKE FRIENDS OF GOD'S CHILDREN.
 - A. We are to be united together.
 - 1. This unity must be based upon God's word. JN 17:20, 21.
 - 2. Division in the church is condemned. 1 CO 1:10.
 - 3. Some want unity at any cost, but we cannot have that.
 - 4. Those who cause divisions by transgressing God's word are the ones who are at fault. RO 16:17; PR 6:16-19.
 - B. We are to help those who are weak.
 - 1. Those that have helped the weak will be allowed into heaven. MT 25:34-40.
 - 2. We are to help those who are spiritually weak. GA 6:1, 2.
- III. TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY FORGETTING IN NOTHING, HIS BLESSINGS TO SEEK.
 - A. Christ's blessings are the most important blessings there are because they are spiritual. EP 1:3.
 - 1. God gives physical and material blessings to all. MT 5:44-47.

2. God will take care of us materially, but we must seek first the kingdom of God MT 6:31-33.
- B. Far too many people live their lives only for material blessings.
1. They trust in money/ 1 TI 6:9, 10).
 2. Those blessings are temporal and can be taken away. MT 6:19, 20.
 3. We need to keep our eye on the goal; heaven itself. PH. 3:13, 14.

CONCLUSION

- A. We have seen that we are to take time to be holy by:
1. Speaking oft with the Lord, abiding in Jesus and feeding on his word.
 2. Making friends of God's children, helping those who are weak.
 3. Forgetting in nothing, his blessings to seek.
- B. Are you taking time to be holy.