

## How Then Shall We Live?

### 1 Peter 1:13-21

*Live distinctively as God's children until you are home.*

#### 1. Anticipate (v. 13)

"The greatest enemy of hunger for God is not poison but apple pie. It is not the banquet of the wicked that dulls our appetite for heaven, but endless nibbling at the table of the world. It is not the X-rated video, but the prime-time dribble of triviality we drink in every night."<sup>1</sup>

#### 2. Imitate (vv. 14-16)

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<sup>1</sup> John Piper, *A Hunger for God*, p. 14

### 3. Tremble (vv. 17-21)

“that indefinable mixture of reverence, fear, pleasure, joy and awe which fills our hearts when we realize who God is and what He has done for us.”<sup>2</sup>

#### Application:

1. Are there things that you are “nibbling at the table of the world” that are making your soul numb and hindering you from thinking about God and His great salvation?
2. Where have you seen others seeking to imitate God’s holiness despite the pressure to conform to the world? Where do you want to grow in being more distinct?
3. What does Peter mean by saying, “You were ransomed...”? What were we ransomed from?
4. What does fearing God look like? What is one step you can take to grow in trembling before Him this summer?

**Next week:** 1 Peter 1:22 - 2:3

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<sup>2</sup> Sinclair Ferguson, quoted in Jerry Bridges, *The Joy of Fearing God*, p. 27