Living Out Your New Life 1 Peter 1:13-25

Sermon By David King

1. Living according to your holy status (1 Peter 13-16)

13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

2. God in relation to us and the fear of the Lord (17-21)

17 Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

We are to keep the tension of two idea together: the intimacy of knowing God as Father, but also the awesome reality God will also be our judge.

Exodus 20:19 and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."

Edwin Blum a former Professor of Theology, at Dallas **Theological Seminary, said: "** Jesus' resurrection is the foundation of our faith, and his glorification is the pledge of the hope of our new future."

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3. Live loving one another fervently. (22-25)

22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, butliving and enduring word of God. of imperishable, through the through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For,

"All people are like grass,

and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,

25 but the word of the Lord endures forever. "And this is the word that was preached to you.