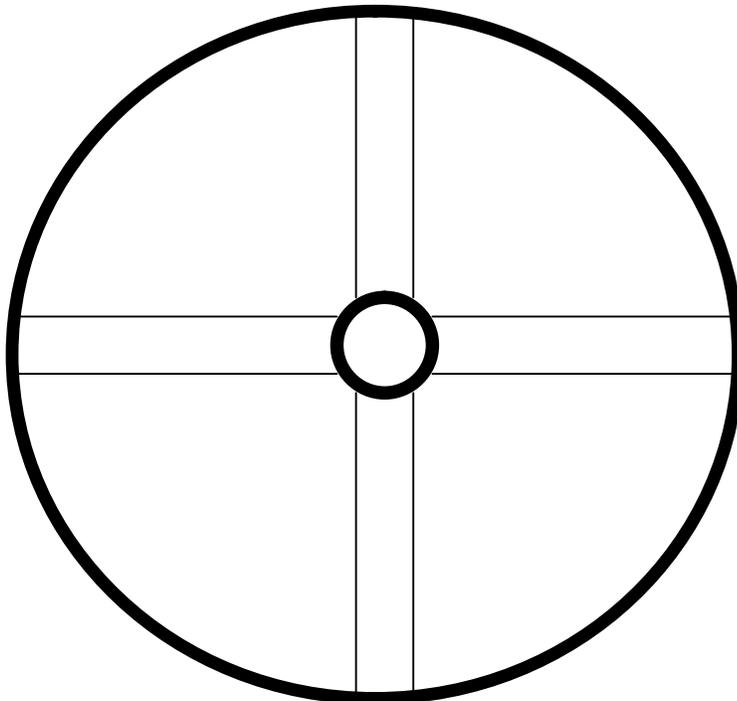


Foundations For Your Faith - Lesson 9 NIV 1 Peter 3:15 Preparation for Evangelism

Read 1 Peter 3:15 carefully, several times, and then answer the following questions from the verses as noted.

- What does “set apart Christ as Lord in your heart” mean?
- What word does the KJV use instead of “set apart”?
- Is this God’s responsibility or mine?
- How do we do it? Be specific.
- What will be the expected result of obeying this command?
- What two things does Peter command us to demonstrate in our verbal witness for Christ?
- Should we wait “until the person asks”? (Matt. 28:19-20)
- **Class time Fill in** The following chart shows the hub & spokes of a wheel. The Christian life is a matter of getting the power of the hub to where the rubber meets the road. (Daily life)



Quiz on Lesson 9 NIV
1 Peter 3:15 Preparation for Evangelism

What is the primary command in this verse?

The phrase “set apart” in the NIV is translated _____ in the KJV.

The same root word, in the Greek language, is used as a title for all true believers. What is that title? _____

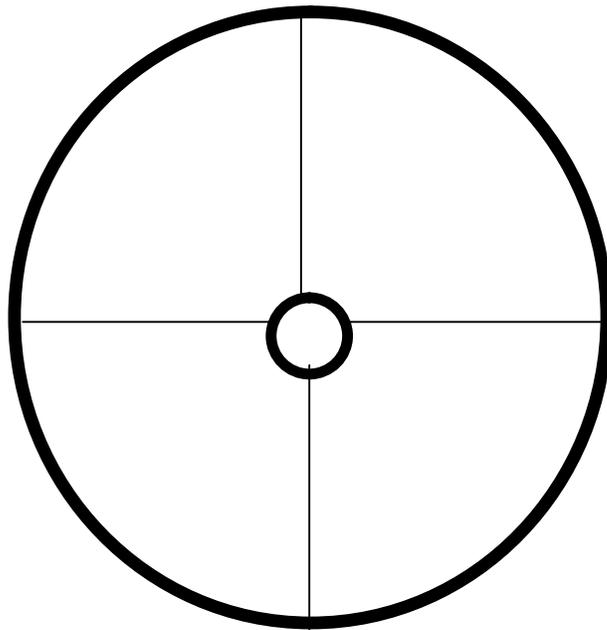
The same word in the Hebrew Old Testament is used for an attribute of God (See Isa. 6:1-3) _____; and in combination with the plural form of this word, defines the most sacred place in the Tabernacle (Temple) of worship. _____ or the _____.

Practically speaking, how do I set apart Christ as Lord in my heart?

1 Peter 3:15 teaches that,, if I do set Christ apart as Lord in my heart, something will be evident in my life. (Evident enough that others would question me about it) What is it? _____

This text also gives us some important advice as to how we should respond to those who question us about our faith. What two words are to characterize our response? _____ and _____

Fill in the “Wheel” illustration’s four spokes that bring the power of Christ into our daily lives.



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This is a command.

In the *KJV* the word is %sanctify+ The word sanctify means *separated unto God*.

Words with the same root – Holy, saint, sanctify, sanctuary

%Sanctify in your hearts, Christ as Lord+ Set apart Christ as Lord in your hearts
To separate something, to set apart particularly and exclusively for God's use.

A title for Believers - Saint

Same root word, *hagioi ...saint*—(A sanctified one, a “set apart for God” one)

We are called saints, separated unto God for His use and purpose alone

Gk. *hagios – Saint* . a holy one . one set apart exclusively for God . purified

Two major concepts in sanctify: Purity and Possession

Something that is sanctified is purified and given completely to God . possessed by Him

An attribute of God - Holy

Hebrew language – *kadosh* . (root of Kosher . pure)

Isa. 6:3 - key attribute of God . His holiness . absolute purity

Note Isaiah's reaction to being in the presence of THE HOLY ONE

A place for the Dwelling of God

The Most Holy Place . the most set apart place . the most pure and holy place in the Tabernacle . **THE HOLY OF HOLIES – *Kadosh Kadoshim* (Holy of Holies)**

The place where the presence of God dwelt . only High Priest could go, only one day a year.
The place opened wide at the death of Christ! He cleansed us and made us holy . thus we are called %saints+. His holy ones. **See Titus 2:11-14**

Is it God's responsibility or mine? Mine! I am to sanctify Christ as Lord in my heart.

Views of sanctification

Crisis Sanctification: Second work of Grace . second blessing . waiting on God for %crisis sanctification+. Pentecostal view. An experience at one particular time.

Continual Sanctification” An ongoing process of spiritual growth, being set apart all along the journey until we see Christ face to face. Ultimate sanctification will occur at death or the rapture. But the process must continue.

Stages of Sanctification

1. Positional Sanctification – justification. At salvation – declared holy
2. Progressive Sanctification – sanctification daily – ongoing
3. Ultimate Sanctification – glorification – at death or the rapture – complete, final

Views of Responsibility in Sanctification

Keswick - "Deeper Life" - letting go; let God.

Writings of Andrew Murray; Oswald Chambers; J.Sidlow Baxter
Passive view . it is God's work . I just wait and rest

Pursuit - Pursue, run the race. "The Disciplined Life"

Writings of Jerry Bridges, Dawson Trotter, Navigators

These two positions are not opposite; they are two sides of one truth.

*It is possible to live out the **regimens** without the **relationship**.*

*It is possible to **relax** in Christ but also be **lax** in personal discipline.*

The deeper life is not an excuse for laziness; the disciplined life is not an excuse for frenetic energy and ulcers, anger, depression, fear, and trying to control myself and everybody else.

How do we do it? Be specific.

Let Christ be honored and revered.
To render or acknowledge Christ as Lord.

It begins with an acknowledgement of His sovereign authority of my life,
I willingly submit my life to His will and control,
I yield myself to His commands,
I seek His will in the Word of God,
I seek His power and His strength in prayer to obey His word,
I devote my life to the pursuit of His glory, His purpose, His plan,
I invest my life and abilities to furthering His kingdom purposes.

To set Christ apart as absolute Lord over all areas of my life,

In my mind . I bring my thoughts captive to His Word . 2 Cor. 10:3-5

In my body

In my relationships . I maintain purity, honesty, truth, devotion, servanthood

Presenting my body as a living sacrifice;

Thinking biblically, being transformed by the renewing of my mind;

Making Him Lord over my thoughts;

Living a surrendered life;

I bring my actions, words, habits, desires, and plans into conformity to His word

Holiness is never absorbed by association, it must be pursued

Holiness cannot be absorbed by proximity.

We must pursue holiness; set apart Christ as Lord in our hearts.

If God is not on the throne of our hearts, then there must be an idol there.

The throne of your heart is never empty; never unoccupied.

So Peter is saying, put Christ on the throne of your heart.

Set apart Christ on the throne of our heart!

He is the Lord of Heaven ã He is the Lord of the Heart

What will be the expected result of obeying this command?

People will see the hope and confidence you have in the face of life's great troubles and difficulties.

Hope is looking with confidence to the future. Blessed hope, living hope.....

“Hope = an eager anticipation of a certain, glorious future event”

People who are sanctified are hopeful and attractive.

Others will see Christ in the life and they will desire it.

What two things does Peter command us demonstrate in our verbal witness for Christ?

Gentleness and Respect

Gentleness - non-offensive and give God the glory.

A controlled response that does not offend; gentleness.

Respect; we treat them with respect. 2 Tim. 2:24-26

I must be gentle, patient, telling them the truth, instructing them, but God must give them repentance.

Our reasons and defense should be made with modesty and gentleness, not with arrogance and indignation, harshness or impatience.

Should we always wait “until the person asks”?

No . we are commanded to go and share with everyone (Matt. 28:19-20)

It is best if they ask, but we can use this text as an excuse for silence.

Our life should raise enough questions that they should ask.

Class time Fill in The following chart shows the hub & spokes of a wheel. The Christian life is a matter of getting the power of the %hub+ to where the %hubber meets the road+ (Daily life)

Christian Symbols – The Fish, The Wheel

IXTHUS Sign of the "FISH" Iota, Chi, Theta, Upsilon, Sigma. (Ichthus)= Gk. (fish)

I= Jesus X= Christ T= God U= Son S= Savior

When Christians would meet each other on the street, they would make the "fish" sign in the dirtō A secret way of finding believers amidst great persecution.

The Wheel – Dawson Trottman – The Navigators

In a bicycle wheel, the hub is the power source.

The power is transferred to the outside of the wheel by the spokes.

No spokes, no power transfer.

If the power stays in the hub you do not go anywhere.

So the power must be transferred from the hub to the outside of the wheel.

The power in the Christian life is Christ.

His power must be transferred to the daily life of the Christian via the spokes.

In the wheel scenario, you must have spokes to transfer the power.

The Word of God. 1 Peter 2:2 - John 17:17, Rom. 10:17, 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Heb. 4:12

The Church Fellowship Acts 2:41-47 -. Fellowship with God's people.

Without a real connection to a Bible believing church, I am not going to develop as God intends.

Mutual fellowship is essential to full development and growth.

In the local church is I am going to see the Christian life lived.

It is where I am going to see it modeled.

It is wherever I am going to find that my problems are not unique.

Here I will be trained.

Prayer 1 Tim. 2:1-3

This is where God communicates with me and I with Him. I

If I am living without prayer, I am living without dependence on God, and therefore without power.

%Without me you can do nothing+ John 15:5

%n everything my prayer+ Phil 4:6-7

%Pray without ceasing+1 Thess. 5:17

Witnessing 1 Peter 3:15

If I am not sharing my faith I will not grow in my faith.

It is through my faith that I learn about my faith.

I experience the joy of being used to give out the gospel.

The Christian needs to give out the gospel just as much as the world needs to hear it.

With all the spokes in place we sense complete fulfillment when we experience this power.

It is a whole "life package" When we totally surrender our life to Christ and begin to take on this whole "life change", then we begin to live the Christian life.

To become the best servant of God, we must take on the whole package.

If one of these missing, the wheel will be out of balance.

In the Word it is God speaking to me;

in prayer it is me speaking to God;

in witnessing it is me speaking to the world;

and in church it is me being spoken to and me speaking to other believers.

Communication.....We are called to be communicators.

It's all about communication...relationship...response