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- > A changed life will reflect which characteristic of God (vv. 14-16)? Holiness. How will this impact the way we relate to our culture? When we imitate God's holiness, the difference between us and the way of the world becomes apparent. We will abandon worldly desires in pursuit of godly desires.
- > What response to God is described in verse 17? Fear In what way will this impact the way we relate to God? A recognition of who God is and the fact that we are answerable to Him will directly influence our desire to live a life that honors Him.
- > Why do you think Peter links the response to God (from v. 17) to salvation (vv. 18-21)? How do they relate? The seriousness of sin is high and so was its payment (Christ's life). Our lives should show an understanding of that as we live to honor God.

Application

Consider how you would honestly answer these questions:

- When you think about God, what is it about Him that gives you a desire to live a life that pleases Him?
- What things in your life do not reflect God's holiness? How can godly hope and fear push you toward holiness?

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