

**How to Be Holy in the New Year**

1 Peter 1:14-21

## I. Holiness is a Matter of Development (14)

A. The Illustration - a child

B. The Imitation (14)

C. The Ignorance

## II. Holiness is a Matter of decision(15-21)

A. The Catalyst (17)

B. The Cost (18-19)

C. The Call (20-21)

<sup>14</sup> as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; <sup>15</sup> but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

<sup>17</sup> And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. <sup>20</sup> He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you <sup>21</sup> who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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**Small Group Questions**

1. In what ways is it easy to be conformed to this world's mold?
2. What sorts of attitudes and actions will help us avoid conformity to the world?
3. What can we do to pursue conformity to the image of Christ, or holiness, as this morning's passage has it?