***In Times Like These - James, Peter, John, Jude***

**Lesson 8**

**Staying Clean in a Dirty World**

Read I Peter 1:13-2:10

 Memory Work: I Peter 2:9

 1.a. What does it mean to “gird up the loins of your mind?”

 b. What does it mean to “be sober?”

 c. What are we believers to rest on?

 2.a. How important is verse 14. . . why “children?”

 b. How will your flesh or Satan try to foul you up with regard to former lusts?

 c. But remember, these were done in i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

 d. What does “holy” mean?

e. Why should a Christian be holy?

 f. Practically, what does it mean to “be holy in all your conduct?”

 g. Why should we conduct our “stay here with all fear?” Also see II Corinthians 5:11.

 3.a. Choose one. You have been redeemed by silver, gold, conduct, tradition, blood. Verse 18.

 b. What kind of blood?

 c. How valuable are you to God? Verse 19.

 d. Why is Jesus called a “lamb without blemish or spot?” See Exodus 12:3-11; Leviticus 1:10,11;

 Leviticus 23:12; Numbers 6:14; Isaiah 53:7.

 e. How old is the plan of salvation? Verse 20.

 4.a. How are we believers made pure? Verse 22.

 b. What has to happen first? Verse 23.

 c. How are we to love one another fervently?

 d. The Word of God which lives and abides forever is in stark contrast with verses 24, 25, which say:

 5.a. The “therefore” in I Peter 2:1 refers back to. . . . . . . . . . .

 b. What are we to do? I Peter 2:1.

 c. As newborn babes, what do we desire? See John 6:53-58.

 d. How would you describe “pure milk of the Word?”

 e. A spiritually mature person would be described as:

 6.a. From I Peter 2:4-8, write down what you observe in these verses.

 b. What Old Testament prophet is Peter quoting?

 7. We believers are called “living stones” (I Corinthians 3:9-16; Ephesians 2:19-22) being built up as a

 spiritual house. What does this image imply about how you should view yourself, other believers,

 and the true church?

 8.a. From I Peter 2:9,10, if you and I and all true Christians are a royal priesthood (verse 9), what then is our relationship to Christ? Hebrews 7:26-8:6.

 b. As believers, what is our purpose in life? Verse 9.

 c. Once we were in darkness, but now:

 9.a. What is the difference between a believer and a non-believer according to verse 10?

 b. How wonderful is this difference? Also see Ephesians 2:1-10.