**LET’S GET IT TOGETHER...**

**continued**

**2021 Bible Study series**

Last month was themed toward getting aligned with the word of God; this month we’re focusing on navigating through life’s issues to move toward accomplishing our true spiritual destiny. However, it seems that alignment is still needed. Therefore, our study on getting it together will continue with prayer instruction on how to align and, additionally, navigate to achieve that potential.

We are called to get our minds lined up with God...His Way, His precepts, and His plan!

Peter in this text is choosing to speak to the latter day Christians by saying unless you align yourselves intentionally to be complete in Jesus, you can never navigate your minds to a mental position to live in such a way as to manifest the “living hope” of your destiny.

In other words, unless you’re serious, Jesus’ grace and mercy could miss you.

Peter urges us not to slip back into our old ways, because they will cause us to slip away from God's best and blessings. We are His children. Like all children, we need structure and discipline and to know we are loved. God has this passage for us.

**1 Peter 1:13-21**

**(NLT)**

**A CALL TO HOLY LIVING**

HOW SHOULD YOU NAVIGATE?

**13 So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world.**

-Prepare your mind

-Put your hope in a defined place

**14 So you must live as God’s obedient children. Don’t slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn’t know any better then.**

-Live obediently

-Be mindful of the steps you take...as they are ordered.

**15 But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy.**

-Now...Is always a present moment

-Now...facilitates the possibility of becoming

**16 For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.”**

-YOU

**17 And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as “temporary residents.”**

-What have you done for God in the pandemic?

-Explain reverent fear.

-How important is “temporary resident” to you?

**18 For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value.**

-How do you feel about being held for a ransom.

**19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.**

-PRECIOUS, SINLESS & SPOTLESS

**20 God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake.**

-What does revealed for your sake, mean to you?

**21 Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory.**

-Trusting in God is essential why?

-Placing face in the proper person is meaningful why?