



1 PETER

1 : 13–16

*“The Baptist Church of Franklin exists to make **more** and **better** followers of Jesus Christ.”* — BCF Membership Binder

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. —Galatians 5:22-23a

Read 1 Peter 1:13-16 and Exodus 12:1-11.

- In Exodus 12:11, God tells the people to eat *with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover.*
 - Why does God say this? What is about to happen?
 - What sorts of emotions does this stir up?
- 1 Peter 1:13 could be literally translated *Girding up the loins of your mind, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully...*
 - Why does it mean to be sober-minded? What sorts of things (other than drugs or alcohol) are able to “intoxicate” our minds?
 - For what reasons might Peter have borrowed the imagery from Exodus 12 (“gird up your loins”) to address Christians living in the Roman Empire?

- How would you describe to someone else what Peter means by *the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed* (v.13)?

- How does the promise of future grace help you to *not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance* (v.14)?

- What is meant by the phrase *holier than thou*? How does this compare with Peter's call to *be holy in all you do* (v.16)?

- Who is someone you know who is holy in Peter's sense of the term?