

1 The Father's judgement (v. 17a)

This verse begins with, “And if...”, which means that it is the following truth that demands obedience to the command in the second half of the verse. Peter is saying, “if *A* is true, then you must do *B*”.

1. In this verse, who is being judged, Christians or unbelievers? How do we know this?
2. This verse says that God's judgement is “according to each man's work”, what is meant by one's “work”?
3. Since God judges “without partiality”, how does God's standard of judgement vary from one person to the other, if at all?

2 Conduct yourselves in fear (v. 17b)

1. As believers, what are we *not* to be afraid of?
2. What are we to fear?

3 The precious blood of Christ (v. 18-19)

This verse begins with “knowing...” which means that Peter is giving a reason why we are to obey the command in v. 17b. Peter is arguing, “Do *B* because *C* is true”.

1. In what way is the life we were redeemed from aimless and futile?
2. In what way is the life we were redeemed to purposeful and valuable?
3. What is so precious about Christ's blood, the perfect Lamb of God?