

**“Living in Light of Reality: The Fear of the Lord”
(1 Peter 1:17-19)**

Three Important Realities for the Children of God:

I. Our Primary _____ is with God (v. 17a)

Scripture: John 1:12-13; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Romans 10:13

II. Our Present _____ is from God (v. 17b)

Scripture: Hebrews 12:5-10

The Greek word “krino” is present active. This means...

Two keys to understanding the discipline of our Father:

A. God’s discipline is _____.

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:16; Ephesians 1:4, 5:27; Romans 8:28-29

Our goal is Christ-likeness and our living should look like it!

B. God’s discipline is _____.

- We stand accountable for our _____.
- God is also a _____ of righteousness.

Scripture: Matthew 5:12; Luke 6:35; Colossians 3:24; Hebrews 10:35; 11:6; James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:8; 1 Peter 5:4

III. Our Permanent _____ is in Heaven (vv. 17d-19)

A. Our Citizenship is _____.

B. Our Citizenship is _____.

Response:

The ONLY appropriate response to these realities is to live in _____
_____ of God. **(vv. 17c-19)**

Fearing the Lord is living in light of the reality of...

1. _____ God is
2. _____ God knows
3. _____ God is
4. _____ God demands of us. (John Crotts, “Craftsman”)

What does the fear of the Lord look like?

Biblical Illustration: *Ananais and Sapphira (Act 5:1-11)*

1. Don't _____ the world. (Proverbs 23:17)
2. Hate _____ and its effect. (Proverbs 8:13; Romans 8:13)

"...the choicest believers, who are assuredly freed from the condemning power of sin, ought yet to make it their business all their days to mortify the indwelling power of sin...
be killing sin or it will be killing you."
(Mortification of Sin, by John Owen)

3. Find _____ in reality of God. (Proverbs 19:23)

Final warning...

Scripture: Psalm 7:11-13; 2 Peter 3:9-11; 1 John 1:9

"Where are your sins?
They are either UPON YOURSELF...
or UPON CHRIST...
How is it with you?"
(Old Paths, J.C. Ryle)