

Keep sober (1Peter 1:13).

This journey is a serious one. It is not just a sight-seeing trip. It is necessary to have self-control or to be sober. The destination is so important that one dares not be frivolous. Neither does one dare to show much interest in every passing thing (1Peter 1:24). This is one of those things which Peter tells Christians to add (2Peter 1:5-11).

Fix your hope completely (1Peter 1:13).

The believer has a hope (1Peter 1:3-12). This hope must be maintained to the end. The inheritance is at the end (1Peter 1:3-5). The journey must be completed.

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts (1Peter 1:14).

On a journey, children do not determine the route or set the rules. This tells us, of course, that Christians are children of God. One becomes a child of God through obeying the truth, according to this chapter (1Peter 1:22,23). A child of God must remain faithful if he is to be an acceptable child (1Peter 1:14; Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46). Do you remember the misery of traveling with children who were not obedient? God expects us to be obedient children.

Be holy yourselves in all your behavior (1Peter 1:14,15).

Some things are involved in being holy. Not fashioning ourselves according to our former lusts is one of them (1Peter 1:14). As Christians, we are different to those in the world (1Peter 2:11,12). We have the greatest of motivations (1Peter 1:15,16). Furthermore, so much has been done to enable us to travel (1Peter 1:18,19).

Conduct yourselves in fear (1Peter 1:17).

The word “fear” is used in several different ways in the Bible. Sometimes, it is from the word which means “reverence” or “awe” as in Ecclesiastes 12:13. Sometimes, it is from the word which means “timidity” as in Revelation 21:8. But here it is from the word which means to be “terrified” as in Matthew 27:54 and in Galatians 2:12. As we travel, we are to travel carefully with the fear of displeasing the God we serve lest we incur his wrath.

The best way to travel—what kind of a traveler are you?

To travel, you must start the journey. Won't you begin if you have not? Won't you obey the gospel? If you have begun, but are stuck in the mud and mire of sin and have ceased to go forward, won't you get rid of your sins as God has provided and then get on with the journey? Travel the best way—God's way.