

“Conduct Becoming”

1 Peter 1:17-19

1. What is biblical fear?
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Ways in which we might devalue the blood of Christ:

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*The Letter to
God's Elect*



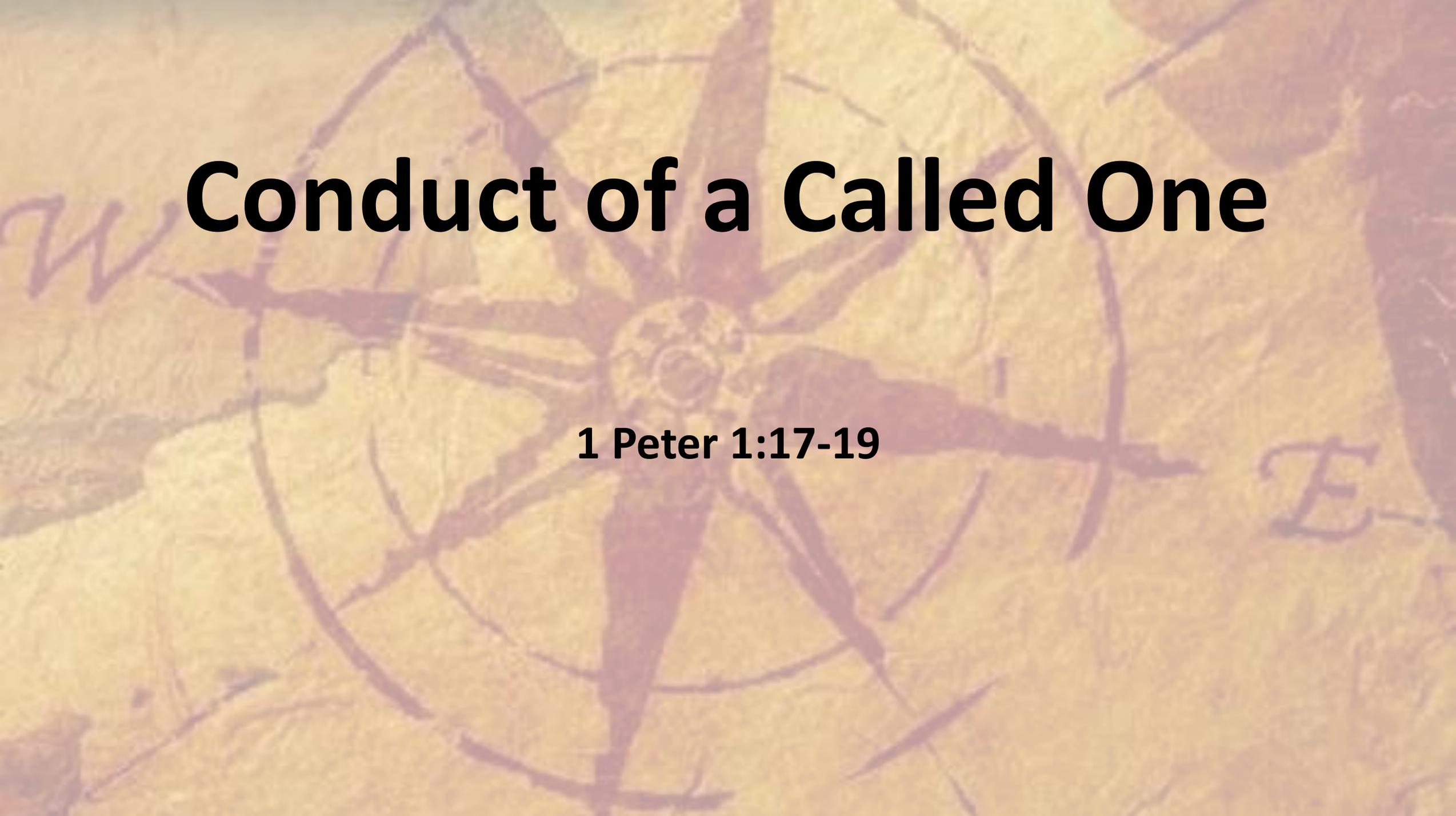
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Conduct of a Called One

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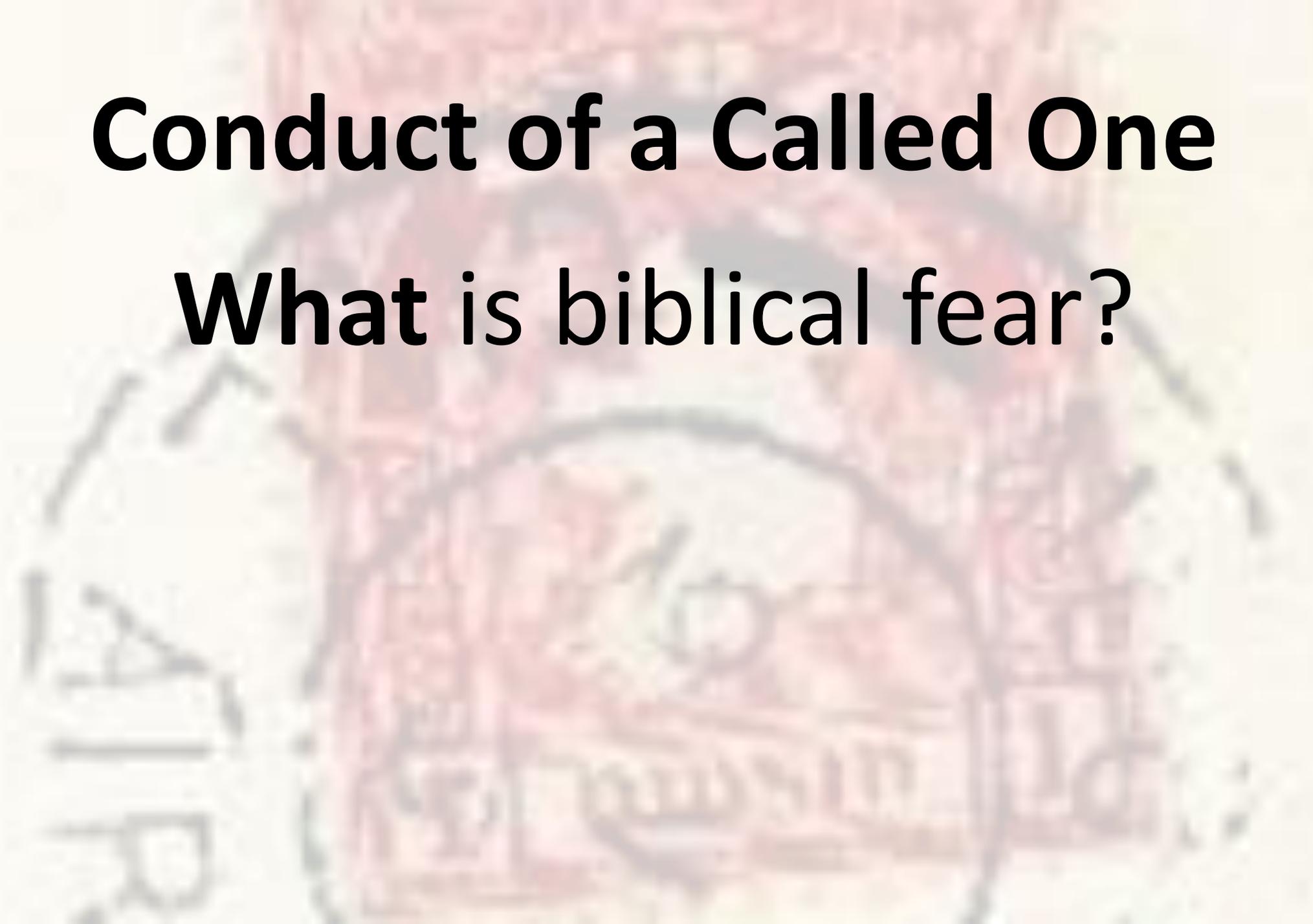
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And if you **call on Him as Father who judges impartially** according to each man's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your **exile**; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

There is a righteous fear that should govern the conduct of all those who call upon God as their Father.

Conduct of a Called One

What is biblical fear?



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Fear is biblical!

Deuteronomy 10:12

Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to **fear the LORD** your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Psalms 128:1

How blessed is everyone who **fears the LORD**,
Who walks in His ways.

What is biblical fear?

It is more than just respect.

More than respect

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More than respect

Luke 12:5

But I will warn you whom to **fear: fear the One** who after He has killed has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, **fear Him!**

2 Corinthians 5:11

Therefore knowing the **fear of the Lord**, we persuade men...

Philippians 2:12

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation **with fear and trembling;**

What is biblical fear?

It is more than respect.

*It is an unnerving knowledge of
God that will both constrain you
and compel you.*

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Knowing God will constrain you.

1 Peter 1:14

As obedient children, **do not be conformed** to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,

1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to **abstain from fleshly lusts...**

Knowing God will compel you.

1 Peter 1:22

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls...**fervently love one another** from the heart.

1 Peter 3:8

To sum up, let all **be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted,** and **humble** in spirit.

Conduct of a Called One

What is biblical fear?

Why should we conduct ourselves in fear?

Why conduct yourself in fear?

Because you call on a holy Father.

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*We are His children, and He loves us.
But His fatherhood does not
change His holiness nor give us
license to irreverence.*

1 Peter 1:14-16

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

Why conduct yourself in fear?

Because you call on a holy Father.

Because you call on a holy Judge.

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*God is holy and impartial,
and He's going to judge the
conduct of your life.*

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Because we call on a holy Judge.

*Because of the incomparable
cost of our redemption.*

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*When we return to the things
from which we were saved,
we devalue Christ's sacrifice.*

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Ways we are tempted to devalue Christ's sacrifice:

By presumption.

By indifference.

By irreverence.

By incoherence.

Conduct of a Called One

What is biblical fear?

Why should we conduct ourselves in fear?

**How should we conduct
ourselves in fear?**

How?

*By individually conducting
ourselves in biblical fear.*

How?

By individually conducting ourselves in biblical fear.

***By corporately conducting
ourselves in biblical fear.***

God is speaking to us as a people.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people for God's own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies
of Him who has called you
out of darkness into His marvelous light.

How we conduct ourselves when
we gather matters to God.

Leviticus 10

Leviticus 10:3

Then Moses said to Aaron,
“It is what the LORD spoke, saying,
‘By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy,
And before all the people I will be honored.’”
So Aaron, therefore, kept silent.

A vitally important question:
*How will we strive to treat
God as holy and honor Him
in our assembly?*

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What are we told to do?

Acts 2:42

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Psalms 96:7-8

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts.

Hebrews 13:15

Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

What are we told to do?

1 Timothy 4:13

...give attention to the public reading of Scripture,
to exhortation and teaching.

Luke 24:46-47

He said to them “...repentance for forgiveness of sins should be
proclaimed in His name to all the nations...”

Acts 20:20-21

...I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable,
and teaching you publicly...of repentance toward God
and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

What are we told to do?

Ephesians 5:19

...speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 16:2

On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.

Implication

The way we order our gatherings is not simply a matter of cultural preference.

Do you call upon God as your Father?

Is righteous fear governing your heart?