

Some theology first: **Foundational principle:**

Based on what God has done in Christ, live like who you are.

When it comes to living out the gospel, the **indicative** always informs the **imperative**:

Based on what God has done (*indicative* = signifying or pointing out)

live like who you are. (*imperative* = demands attention with obligation in light of the indicative).

→ Based on your identity in Christ, live like who you are. examples- **v13, v15, v22-23**

Verses	Command	Assessment (1- needs work, 5 - very encouraged)				
13	Set your hope on heaven	1	2	3	4	5
14-16	Be holy	1	2	3	4	5
17-21	Conduct yourselves with humility	1	2	3	4	5
22-2:1	Love one another earnestly	1	2	3	4	5
2:2-3	Hunger for more of God's word	1	2	3	4	5

COMMAND #1 v 13

Based on what God has done, set your hope on heaven.

GRADE: So what is your **“hope”** grade? Is this an area of God is calling you to grow?

COMMAND #2 v14-15

Based on what God has done, live holy lives.

GRADE What is your **‘holiness’** grade? Is this an area of God is calling you to grow?

COMMAND #3 v17-21

What God has done- **knowing that you were ransomed...**

At what great cost- **with the precious blood of Christ...**

Why- **for the sake of you.**

(Eph 1:4 even as He chose us in Him before he foundation of the world

Based on what God has done- saved you from before the foundation of the world, live with reverence and humility before God.

GRADE: What is your **‘humility’** grade? Is this an area of God is calling you to grow?

COMMAND #4 v22-2:1

Based on what God has done- given us a new heart, love one another earnestly.

GRADE: What is your 'love one another earnestly' grade? Is this an area of God is calling you to grow?

COMMAND #5. v2:2-3

Based on what God **done**- you have **tasted** that He is good- long (hunger) for more of His word.

GRADE: What is your "**hunger**" grade? ? Is this an area of God is calling you to grow?

----- Questions:

1. What does it mean "the indicative always informs the imperative"? Put that in layman's terms. Give an example.
2. "Jesus kept the law perfectly - that is credited to you as righteousness." How does grace comfort, help and encourage help in growing in our obedience? How does 1John 1:8-9 speak to our shortcomings?
3. Peter's church's were dispersed and anxious. How is he encouraging these churches by being obedient to God's word?
4. Did one of the commands that particularly capture your attention? Why?
5. How have you grown and are different in one of these areas from just 1 year ago? Why is that?
6. Pick one area you want to grow and share with the group where you are with it. Why do you think you gave it a low grade? (i.e. perhaps the grace of the indicative is not operating as prominently as it should...etc; perhaps circumstances have really affected you....ect; perhaps there is drift....etc).
7. How can the group encourage and help you grow in that area?