

Steps to Holiness

The Salvation Army started as a Holiness movement.

Today the teaching of sanctification is often limited to a common emphasis on discipleship.

That is certainly not wrong.

However, the Bible is more specific and teaches *steps to holiness*.

2 Peter 1,5-7 and **Colossians 3,1-17** are difficult to understand but testify various *steps to holiness*.

Even if these Bible verses teach different numbers of steps, they agree on the same content.

My newest discovery is **1 Peter 1,13-22**.

Here the steps may be less distinctive, but they are easier to understand.

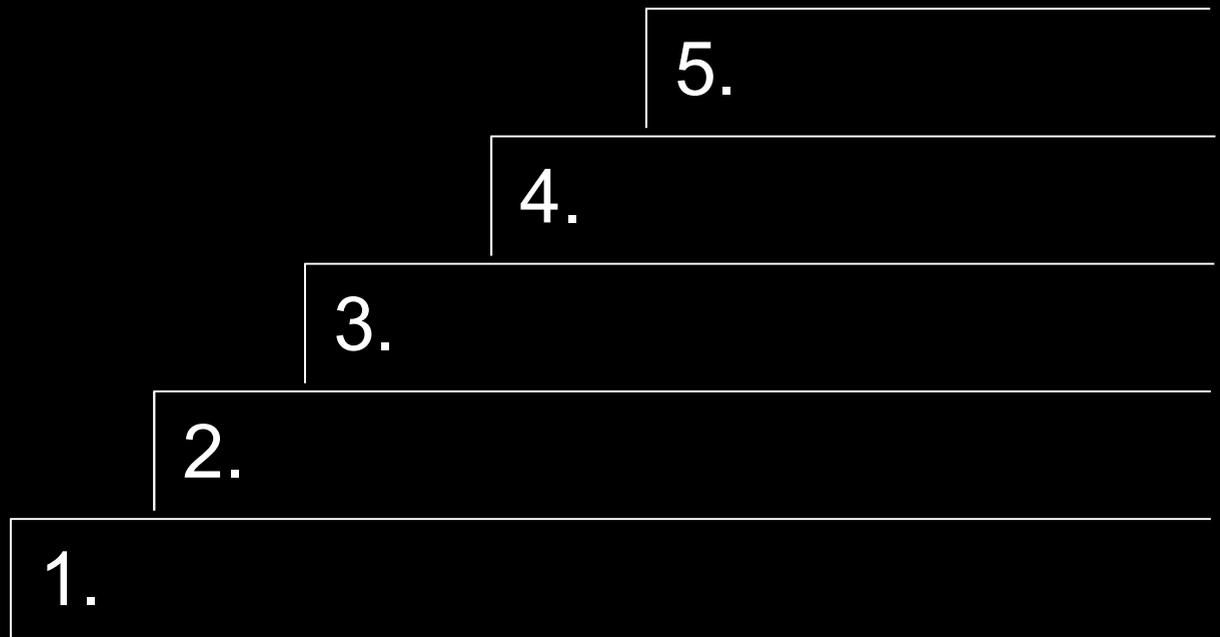
2 Peter 1,5-7 → 9 steps

Colossians 3,1-17 → 6 steps

1 Peter 1,13-22 → 5 steps

I want to introduce you to the *five steps to holiness* according to 1 Peter 1,13-22.

Five Steps to Holiness according to 1 Peter 1,13-22



→ self control

1. mind, thinking

1 Peter 1,13: Therefore, **preparing your minds for action,** and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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2. passions of ignorance

1 Peter 1, 14-17: As obedient children, **do not be conformed to the passions** of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

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1 Peter 1,20-21: He was chosen before the creation of the world,
but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead
and **glorified** him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

John 17,22-23a: I have given them the **glory**
that you gave me,
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– I in them and you in me –
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second prediction of suffering/death (Mark 9,30-32):
Who is the greatest? (Mark 9,34)

third prediction of suffering/death (Mark 10,32-34):
Jacob and John ask for best places. (Mark 10,37)

Lord's Supper (Luke 22,19-20):
Who is the greatest? (Luke 22,24)



The
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last.



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1 Peter 1,22: Now that you have purified yourselves
by obeying the truth
so that you have sincere love for each other,
love one another deeply, from the heart.

John 17,22-23: I have given them the **glory**
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Then the world will know
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