



A Call To Holiness

I Peter 1:13 - 16

A white dove is shown in flight, its wings spread wide, against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The background also includes the silhouettes of trees and a structure, possibly a church steeple, in the distance.

Introduction

The Cry for Holiness

Leviticus 11:44

Leviticus 20:26

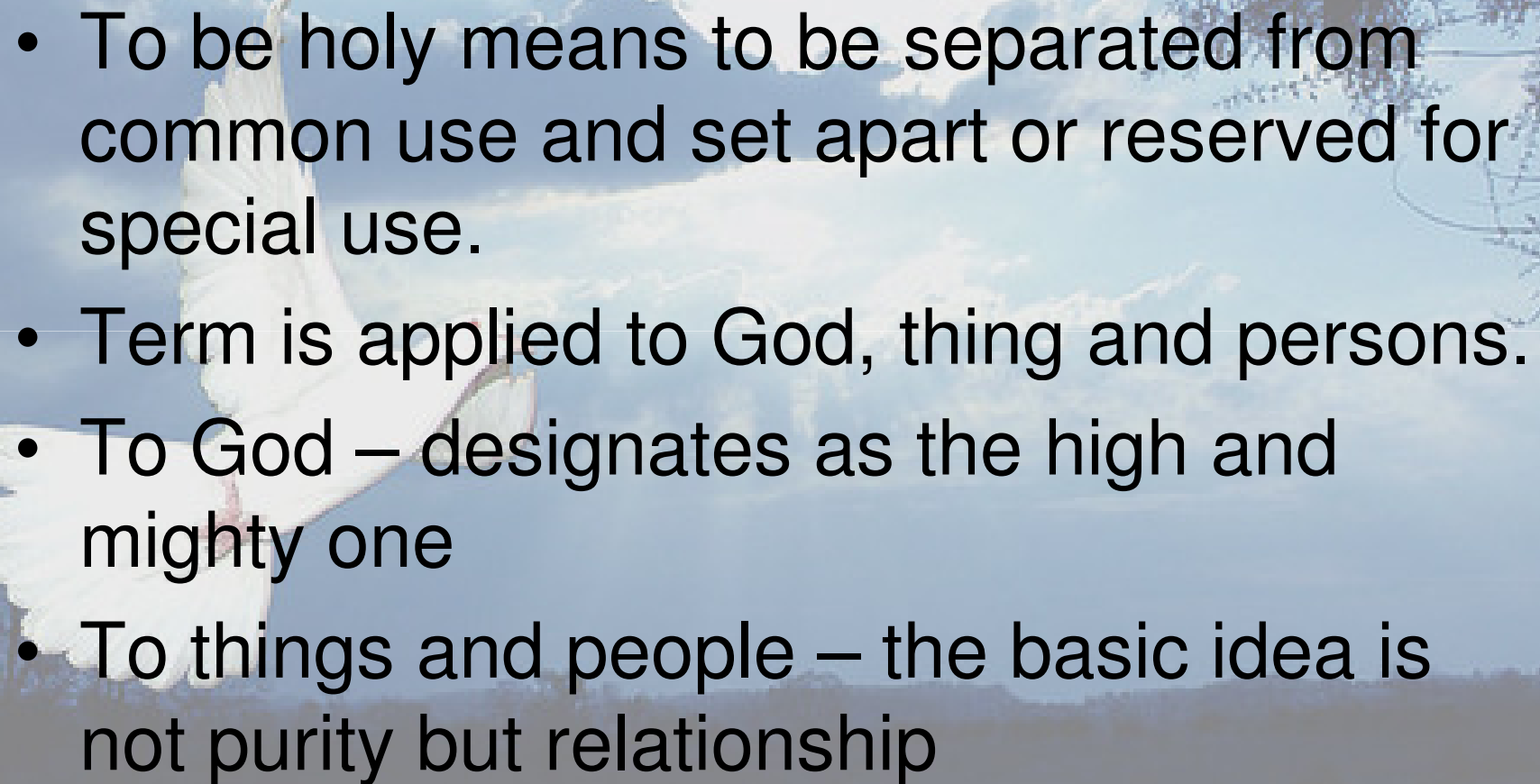
I Thessalonians 4:3, 7

I Peter 1:15, 16

I. What is Holiness?

A. O.T. – “kadesh” – something which is cut off, separate or set apart. Anti-secular, a category of its own, to elevate out of the sphere of what is ordinary

B. N.T. – “hagios”- set apart, separate, in a class by itself

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- To be holy means to be separated from common use and set apart or reserved for special use.
 - Term is applied to God, thing and persons.
 - To God – designates as the high and mighty one
 - To things and people – the basic idea is not purity but relationship

II. Holiness and the Christian Believer

Holiness means:

- A. Belonging to God – we are holy because we are His. Belonging to Him makes us holy
- B. Becoming like the God to whom we belong – because of this relationship, moral purity becomes a necessity.

III. Why Holiness?

- A. Our holiness is the purpose of conversion – be holy (I Peter 1:16)
- God's holiness is evangelistic and redemptive. Its purpose is not to drive men away but to draw them near.
 - Isaiah 6:5, 7
 - Ephesians 1:4, 5:27
 - I Corinthians 6:19-20

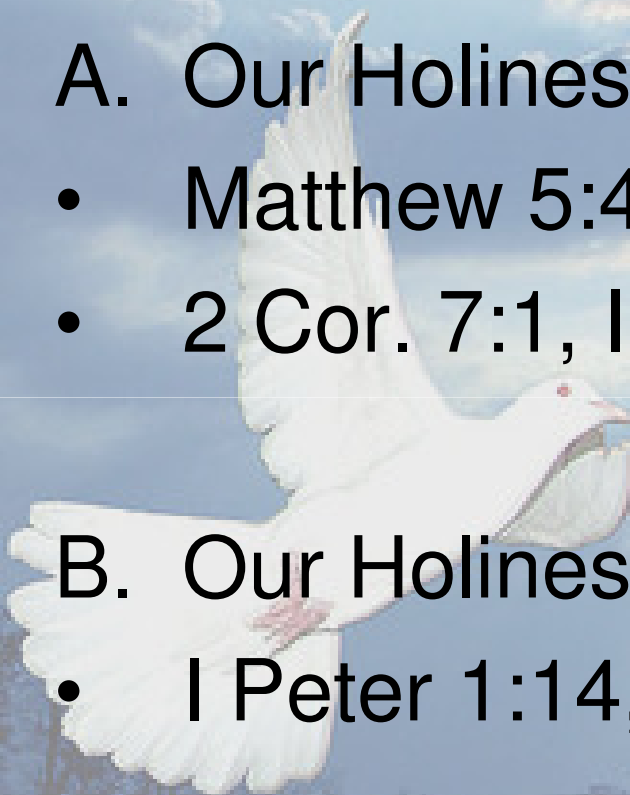
IV. How To Live In Holiness

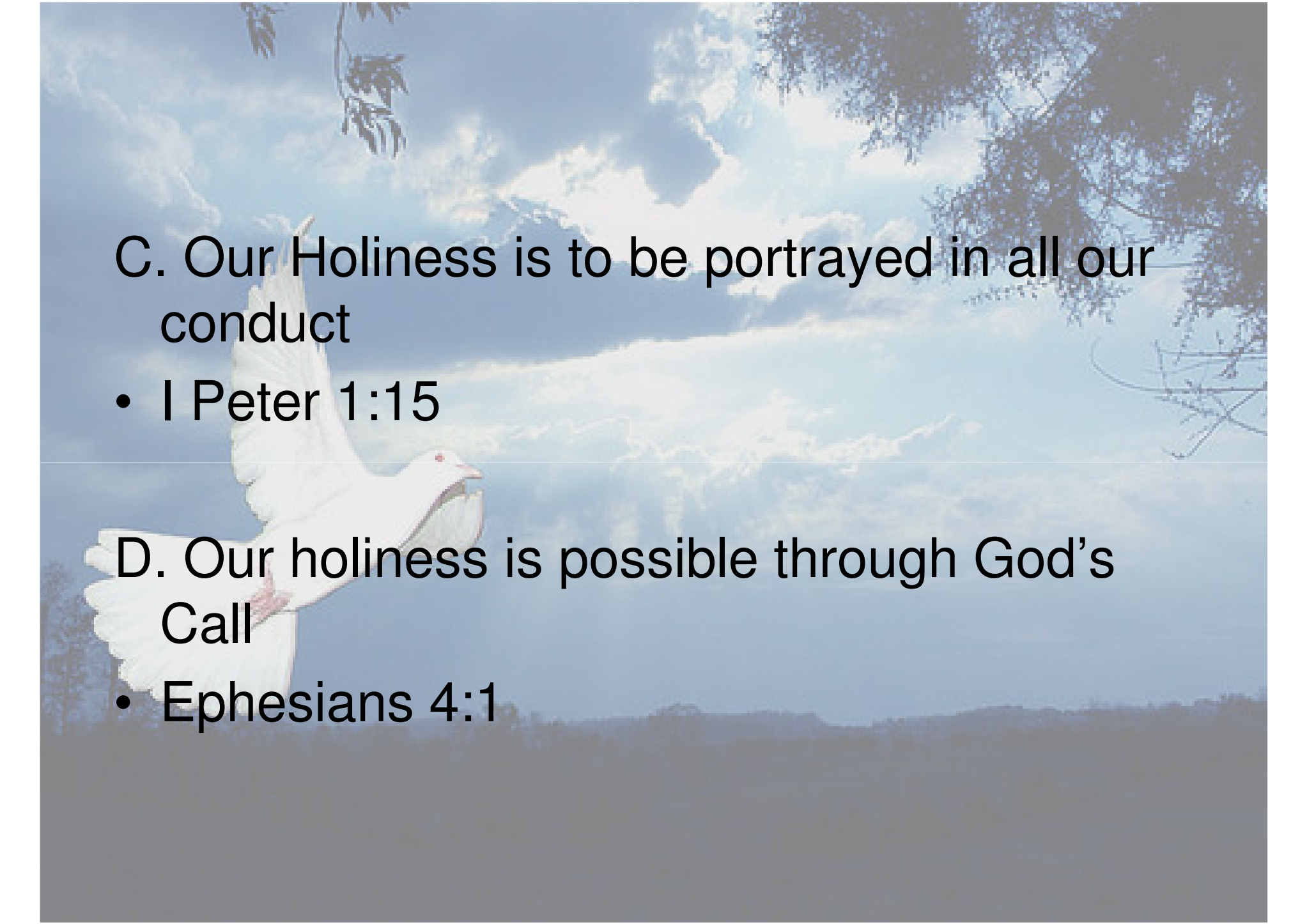
A. Our Holiness is patterned after Christ

- Matthew 5:48, John 17:19,
- 2 Cor. 7:1, I John 2:6

B. Our Holiness must abandon old lifestyle

- I Peter 1:14, I John 1:6, 7



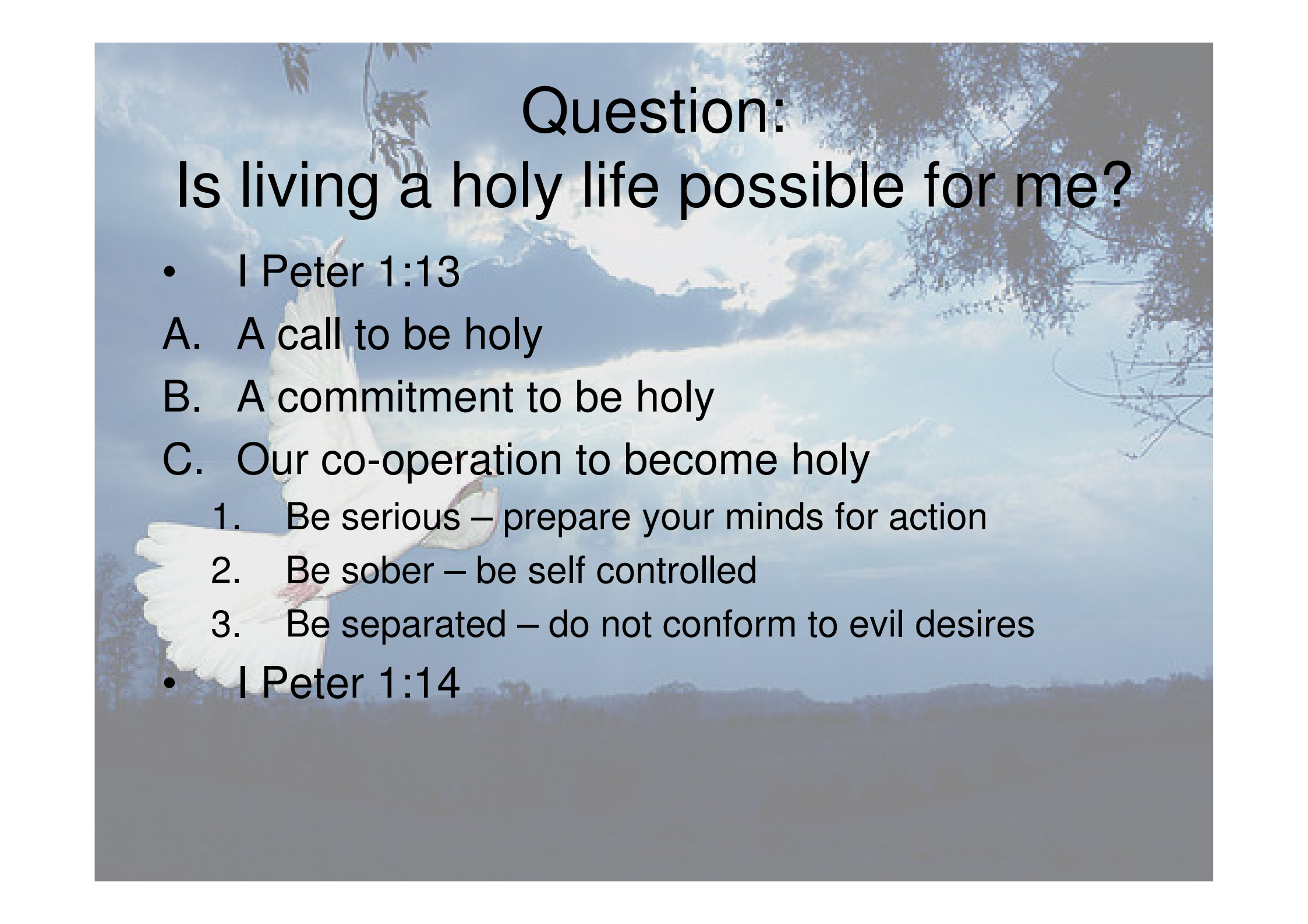


C. Our Holiness is to be portrayed in all our conduct

- I Peter 1:15

D. Our holiness is possible through God's Call

- Ephesians 4:1



Question:

Is living a holy life possible for me?

- I Peter 1:13
 - A. A call to be holy
 - B. A commitment to be holy
 - C. Our co-operation to become holy
 1. Be serious – prepare your minds for action
 2. Be sober – be self controlled
 3. Be separated – do not conform to evil desires
- I Peter 1:14



Conclusion

“What the world needs to day is a baptism of holiness, a demonstration of godly living is the crying need of the day”

- Duncan Campbell

“ The greatest ambition of my life is to be a holy man.”

- Robert Murray McCheynee