

TRUE HOPE THAT DOESN'T DISAPPOINT

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1 PETER 1:13-21

English Standard Version (ESV)

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. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." 17 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, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*

REVIEW & CONTEXT:

- 1) **First Peter** is written to Christians in ancient Turkey who were suffering under persecution.
- 2) **The greeting infers**, 'You may be rejected by the world, but you are chosen by God!'
- 3) **The first section (1:3-12)** is a HUGE, encouraging reminder of the tremendous salvation that God has given to believers. It is a gift, it is great, and it is eternal!

vs 13 **THEREFORE**, Whenever you see a 'therefore' in the Bible, you need to take a moment to notice what it is there for. This will greatly help you to accurately understand the passage.

Notice that vs 3-12 is the basis of verses 13-21. While verses 3-12 stand on their own as hugely encouraging, they also lay the foundation of critically important INSTRUCTIONS that Peter is now going to give to his readers.

THE BELIEVER'S RESPONSE & RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD'S GLORIOUS SALVATION:

1) The Believer must respond with HOPE. vs 13

This hope is **not** a wish or a feeling but a MINDSET regarding the future.

Acts 24:15; Titus 1:2; 2:13; 3:7

Hope and **faith** are essentially the same.

Faith usually applies to the present. (Romans 1:17; 3:28; 2 Cor 5:7; Gal 2:20; 1 Tim 6:12)

Hope usually applies to the future. (Hebrews 3:6; Acts 24:15; 26:6-7; Romans 8:23-25)

It is a belief / conviction not merely a feeling.

Notice: • The MIND has a lot to do with your hope. *prepare your mind, be sober-minded*
Much of faith has to do with the intellect. Knowable truth/facts.
Much of faith has to do with being aware / vigilant / watchful.
(Remember Jesus' parable of the returning master in Luke 12:35-48)

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Notice: • **The MIND has to be PREPARED FOR ACTION.**

It's not just about being aware, but being ready to respond.

Think of a battle unit. Ephesians 6:14

1 Corinthians 16:13 *Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men.*

1 Thessalonians 5:6-8 *So then, let us not sleep as the others do, but let us remain awake and sober.*

• **The MIND has to be SET.** *and being sober-minded, set your hope*

ἐλπίζω = elpizó = to expect, to confide

This is an imperative command... not a suggestion or option.

Like many other areas of our spiritual lives, this is an act of discipline and obedience.

Many people do not realize that their mind can be self-controlled.

Most have never been taught or challenged with this so they simply have no control.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:5

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

for God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control.

• **The MIND has to be FULLY DEVOTED.** *set your hope fully*

Yes, it's time to 'put all your eggs in one basket'!

Do not hold out. Do not leave room for other options... none are worthy or safe.

Christians are not to hope half-heartedly in the promises of God.

COLOSSIANS 1:21-23

21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven,

So what is it that we set our hope on?

The REASON for our hope is God's GRACE and FAITHFULNESS. vs 13

PSALM 33:18

*Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,*

WHAT GOD'S GRACE GIVES:

- Perfect salvation in Christ (Isa 45:21-22; John 3:14-16; Acts 4:12)
- Forgiveness of sins (past, present, future) (Matt 1:21; John 1:29; Eph 1:7; Col 2:13-14)
- Transfer from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of His beloved Son (Col 1:13)
- His faithfulness past, present and future! (Ps 89:33; 119:90; 146:6; Isa 49:7; 1 Cor 1:9)
- The glorious return and revelation of Jesus Christ . 1 Thess 4:16-17