

## “Live IN Hope”

1 Peter 1.13-21

- Our 3rd week in 1Peter (“Livin’ Hope” series)
- Visual Theme: Vibrant flowers against dark/blotchy background. Dark background represents the world around us marred by darkness. The vibrant flowers represent believers

***1 Peter 2.9 ...called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.***

- If we are called out of the darkness and into the light, How should we live?

**Big Idea: When God grants living hope He expects us to live our lives governed by this hope.**

- **Q:** What difference should “Living Hope” make in our lives? (How to shine like lights)
- (Last week:) 1 Peter 1.1-12 re: **Different Disposition**  
(This Week:) 1 Peter 1.13-21 [p1014] re: **Different lifestyle:**
- Vs 13 pivot: ‘**therefore...**’ because of all God has done:...He expects us to live differently
- What follows is not a list of behaviors BUT big-picture governing principles:
- PREVIEW: THREE imperatives. Three governing principles for Living IN Hope.
- **Q: What does it look like to ‘live In Hope?’**

**13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action...** Lit. “Gird up the loins of your mind” (tuck in robe, roll up sleeves” = prepare your mind for something new/challenging coming at you!.

Q: What new challenging concept do we need to brace ourselves for....

### **1. Those who live IN hope are rooted in grace**

- First Imperative (governing principle) - **[v13] set your hope fully on ...grace**
- “Grace” is natural to God, but unnatural to us
- Nearly every warped approach to christian living boils down to misunderstanding grace.
- Daryl Charles [rEBC] **“the disciplined life does not consist merely of sheer willpower. ... Rather, the Christian draws from the wellspring of divine grace. Whereas secular ethics is self-originating and self-directed, Christian ethics is rooted in a grace-filled conception of living. The Christian’s confidence lies not in his or her ability to be self-sufficient; it is tethered to grace, which is constant and available, regardless of the situation.**
- Being “rooted in grace” “tethered to grace” means two things...

### **NOT: earning favor you’ve already been given**

- Human conception of how religion works: “Strive **in order to** have right standing w God.”  
Rooted in Grace = “live **because of** right standing w God”
- Striving “**in order to...**” is natural, easy to understand, and...doesn’t work

## **NOT: disregarding favor you've already been given**

### ***13...grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ***

- The one you will see face-to-face in glory is the one who suffered and died for you?

## **2. Those who live IN hope are otherly**

- 2nd imperative, governing principle: [v15] **be holy in all your conduct...**
- [vs17] OT quote (Leviticus) "**Be holy for I am holy**"
- Th emphasis is on being "different/otherly" not being "perfect"
- **1) Word Meaning:** "Holy" fundamentally means 'different/separated'
- W Wiersbe "**The root meaning of the word translated 'holy' is 'different'. A holy person is not an odd person but a different person. His life has a quality that is different.**"
- **2) Context of OT Quote:** "Be holy for I am holy" Leviticus [ch11,19,20] is regarding being different from surrounding nations (Egypt, Canaan)
- \*\*We must come to grips that we are intended to be different from world and break our dependance on conforming, fitting it, being affirmed, understood.
- Embracing "otherly" means...

## **Do life God's way even if you are the only one**

**14 As obedient children...** (Be attentive and responsive to God's instructions)

## **Don't live by your inner passions even if everyone else is**

**14 ... do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,**

- The world is run by desire: "if you have a desire then find a way to satisfy it"
- **Your former ignorance** (before God's Spirit was in your heart and God's Word in your hand, you didn't know any better)
- The most countercultural thing you can do is: when you have a desire, don't assume you are compelled to satisfy it.
- 3rd "governing principle" [v17] "**conduct yourselves with fear**"

## **3. Those who live IN hope are reverently aware**

- NOT: "run and hide fear" but sobering awareness of God's awesomeness.

## **Aware that your Daddy is also the impartial judge [v17]**

- Your future includes both 1) glorious inheritance, and 2) impartial reckoning (Not determining salvation, but an honest assessment of how you conducted your life '**through the time of your exile**' (montage, 'the dash')
- Be reverently aware that your Daddy is also impartial judge and...

## **Aware of the cost of your redemption [v18-19]**

- The Passion should sober us...

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- Peter says we were ransomed **by the precious blood of Christ**
- Peter knew Jesus personally and saw his friend/master/savior tortured and executed. AND it changed Peter forever.
- Before Jesus' death/resurrection we see Peter **battling, blending in, bunkering** BUT Now: he is leading others to live Hope-filled lives as Restorative **Blessings!**
- Remaining verses (19-21) Peter gets caught up in just how precious and amazing Jesus is (possible reference to early hymn/creed)

### CONCLUSION

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### EXAMPLE/APPLICATION

- We make decisions every day.  
Should I watch this?  
Should I have another drink?  
Should I wear this?  
How should I respond to this text/email?  
Should I buy this? Should I keep this? Should I share this?  
Should I open my mouth or keep it shut?
- Think of one decision you recently made or anticipate making and run through this grid:
  1. Am I motivated by trying **earn** God's favor or **because of** God's favor?
  2. Does this flippantly disregard the **great gift** God has given?
  3. Am I unthinkingly doing this because its culturally embraced?
  4. Am I careful to follow any of God's instructions or letting my desires rule?
  5. Can I make this choice aware that I will give an account to God?
  6. Can I feel good about this while considering Christ's precious blood?

### RESTATE

- Peter will give more specifics about how to impact our world, but it begins with "Living in Hope". (Governed by the reality of what God has done)

**CHALLENGE: Put your hope into practice!**