

A bright sun is rising in the center of the frame, casting a warm, golden glow over a vast expanse of fluffy, golden clouds. The sky above the clouds is a deep, dark blue, dotted with small white stars. The overall scene is serene and inspiring.

Set Your Hope!

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.

(1 Peter 1:13-21)

1. Set Your Hope (13-16)

- “Therefore” is based off of verse 3 & 4.

“According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is IMPERISHABLE, UNDEFILED, AND UNFADING, kept in heaven for YOU.” (1:3B-4)

- *Therefore...SET YOUR HOPE FULLY ON THE GRACE that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

1. Set Your Hope

- *“Preparing your minds for action”*
- With the certainty of suffering for their faith, and the double certainty of the future inheritance, Peter tells his audience then and us today to get ready for what is about to come.
- Prepare for suffering in your mind.
- This preparation comes in PERSONAL MINISTRY by knowing the Word which develops our relationship with God and gives us tools to counsel or disciple others.

1. Set Your Hope

- *“Preparing your minds for action”*
- This preparation has to do with more than just outward persecution, but inward mortification of the old sinful passions of our flesh.
- In the mortification of our flesh, there will be discomfort and pain. *”but as he [Jesus] who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.*

2. Hope in God (17-21)

- *Our motivation for pursuing holiness is our HOPE IN GOD.*
- *“Ransomed” held captive to the “futile ways inherited from your forefathers...” SIN.*
- Ransomed by the precious, spotless, and eternal blood, which will NEVER LOSE ITS POWER!
- HOPE IN GOD is deserving because of the salvation God accomplished through Jesus Christ now, which cause us to know with certainty that the future promises will be there, not because of our works, but His work.

2. Hope in God (17-21)

- *Our Father is an impartial judge who will judge according to our deeds.*
- *The real motivation for FEAR and subsequent OBEDEINCE is knowing what we are deserving of as a result of sin, understanding the costliness of Jesus' sacrifice, and the freedom from sin that has been given to us by faith.*
- *The LOVING RESPONSE (Worship) to God is through the power of the Holy Spirit walking in obedience to His Word*

Application

- Preparing your mind for suffering and/or in mortifying the desires of your flesh both require you to be consistent in the Word of God and well trained .
- Preparing your mind with the word of God grows your love for God, helps you to think clearly in your difficult situations because you are convicted of the truth of God's Word.
- Preparing your mind with the word of God gives you the ability to disciple and biblically counsel others who come to you.

Application

- Is your HOPE FULLY on the GRACE of God and the certainty of His NOW and FUTURE promises?
- Why do you obey the word of God? Guilt, shame, habit, for redemption, or is it out of LOVE and FEAR of God who has RANSOMED you? Evaluating our motives is always helpful before we behave.
- If your motives are off, revisit verses 19-21 and set your HOPE in God.

