

## 1 Peter 1:13 Hope with Finality

### I. Introduction

#### A. HOPE

1. Begin to talk about HOPE
2. All know about the World's hope!
  - a) HOPE = WISH
  - b) No CERTAINTY in THEIR FUTURE!
    - (1) BUT we know there is
    - (2) NOT PRETTY
    - (3) They've rejected absolute truth and certainty and replaced it with a WISH in their pursuit to REJECT GOD.
  - c) They'd better WISH for something better than what is truly in store for them apart from salvation in Jesus Christ.
  - d) How about hope in Christianity?

#### 3. Counseling Note...

Dear Bill,

Thank you for all of your efforts to help my wife and I. However, at this point, it looks like any further efforts will be a waste of your time and efforts. At this point in time, the walls are high. While not legally divorced, My wife and I are spiritually, emotionally, and physically divorced. I cannot change what she intends to do. It is now up to me to live life within the confines of an empty shell of a marriage. Thanks again for all of your efforts. May God bless you now and in the days to come.

- a) So, I called him up ...I asked him – OK, so what's your response?
- b) Answer: I can't change her – God is letting this happen. I just have to obey God as best as I can and to be honest, all I can look forward to is the return of Christ or my going home – because if it doesn't change here, I have no hope apart from that!
- c) BINGO!
- d) Me: Now, can you do that and rejoice at the same time? ...Yes!
- e) He was a PERFECT example of 1 Peter 1 in every regard EXCEPT he hadn't figured out the rejoicing part!

***B. Proposition: We are going to study Peter's teaching on the response we must have to the great Salvation God has provided us SO THAT we can have the proper foundation when faced with trials.***

***C. The first thing we are to do is our RESPONSE TOWARDS GOD.***

**D. It will take several weeks, but our RESPONSE TOWARDS GOD is to HOPE WITH FINALITY (vv.13-21).**

**E. We will study this Response to God with Three Questions**

1. SHOW SLIDES

**F. THEN, we'll see our**

1. RESPONSE towards OTHERS (vv.22-25)

2. RESPONSE towards OURSELVES (ch2 beginning).

**G. Remember – Peter is building a foundation for how to live victoriously in trials!**

1. We are on the wall of HOPE!

**H. TURN TO Passage to read...1 Peter 1:13-21**

13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,

15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;

16 because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

17 If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth;

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these 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.

## **II. Hope With Finality!**

**A. The FIRST response we must have to the great Salvation God has provided us SO THAT we can have the proper foundation when faced with trials. – IS our RESPONSE TOWARDS GOD.**

**B. HOPE with FINALITY (WHAT)**

13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, FIX YOUR HOPE COMPLETELY on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

## 1. Main Subject of 1:3-21 = HOPE

### a) Verses:

- (1)V.3 “a living hope”
- (2)V.4 “an inheritance...reserved in heaven for you’
- (3)V. 5 “a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time”
- (4)V.6 “ in THIS you greatly rejoice”
- (5)V.9 “the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls”
- (6)V.10 this salvation
- (7)V.13 “fix your hope completely”**
- (8)V.21 “so that your faith and hope are in God”

### b) What is our hope?

- (1)NOUN= the completion of our salvation = glorification, heaven, eternity with God...
- (2)VERB=Trusting / believing God for the future

### c) V.3-12 FOCUSED on WHAT this hope IS (NOUN)

- (1)All of the verbs are in “indicative” - they state simple facts.

### d) V.13 – there is a shift

- (1) “THEREFORE” – (and you know what the therefore is THERE FOR...)
- (2) Followed by v.13-21 driven by COMMANDS (imperatives).
- (3)A shift from Indicatives to Imperatives – facts to commands
- (4)Guess what? – shift TO VERB HOPE
  - (a)V.13 fix your hope
  - (b)V.21 your faith and hope are in God.

## 2. What is Peter doing?

- a) He Moves from WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US to
- b) What we MUST DO in RESPONSE to what God has done for us!
- c) The KIND OF LIFE that MUST RESULT from the great salvation that God has prepared for us!

## 3. From v.13 through BEGINNING of Ch 2

- a) Peter gives, in GENERAL TERMS, the GENERAL PRINCIPLES of the Christian life
  - (1)Toward GOD
  - (2)Toward OTHERS
  - (3)Toward SELF!

b) Following all that – He gives SPECIFIC PRINCIPLES in SPECIFIC areas of our Life AND – he leaves no area of life UNCOVERED!

4. Back to v.13...

a) Therefore = “GIVEN EVERYTHING THAT GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU IN THIS GREAT SALVATION AWAITING YOU IN HEAVEN, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IS...”

5. Now look at the structure of V.13

13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, FIX YOUR HOPE completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

a) main verb: fix your hope = 1<sup>st</sup> exhortation

(1) AAM stating direct military command

(2) “Therefore” transitions from teaching to application

(3) act of will= Hope! Live in Hope!

6. fix your hope completely

a) Literally: “fix your hope with finality”

b) What is “hope?”

(1) Dictionary definitions (incl archaic=biblical).

(a) American Heritage Dictionary: hope. --*intr.* 1. To wish for something with expectation of its fulfillment. 2. *Archaic.* To have confidence; trust. -*tr.*

(2) Most famous verse with Hope in it: 1 Cor 13 – faith, hope, love abide – these three but the greatest of these is love!

(3) How many books / sermons on faith and love!

(4) How many on hope?! We ignore it!

(5) Missing element of the Christian experience – we like this life too much!

(6) Hope = Christian’s attitude toward future!

(a) In essence, is same substance as faith

(b) = believing / trusting God

(c) Faith = believing / trusting God for the present

(d) Hope = believing / trusting God for the Future

(e) Faith believes what God has done

(f) Hope believes what God has yet to do.

(g) Faith accepts, hope expects

(h) Faith appropriates, hope anticipates

c) Peter – you owe it to God to fix your hope

(1)= to live for the future

(2)= to live for the glorious fulfillment of His future promise

(3) Its our obligation!

(4) God

(a) Saved us

(b) Forgive / forgave sins

(c) Provided Christ

(d) Transformed us

(e) Has proven worthy of our trust in the present

d) “fix your hope” = HOPE!

(1) VERB is “to Hope”

(2)= PUT your confidence / trust in what God has done for you for the future

(3) LIVE in confidence/trust KNOWING WITH CERTAINTY what awaits you in eternity

(4) NOT a wish or want!

(5) Quick aside on Hope!

(a) It is the result of salvation! (noun)

(i) 1 Peter 1:3-3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

(ii) Colossians 1:4-5

4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints;

5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel

(b) Hope IS Jesus Christ! (noun – proper!)

(i) Colossians 1:27

27 ... which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

(ii) 1 Timothy 1:1

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope,

- (c) Hope is based on knowledge
    - (i) 1 Peter 1:13 – Therefore – ties back to all of the indicatives – the facts of our salvation
  - (d) Hope is a choice –
    - (i) 1 Peter 1:13 – our verse today! –commanded ( you can disobey)
  - (e) Hope is based on Scripture
    - (i) Psalm 119:49  
49 Remember the word to Your servant, In which You have made me hope.
    - (ii) Psalm 130:5  
5 I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, And in His word do I hope.
- e) “completely” =
- (1) unreservedly
  - (2) fully
  - (3) perfectly
  - (4) without doubt = ZERO
  - (5) once for all
  - (6) WITH FINALITY (LENSKI)**
  - (7) Heb 6 Hope!
  - (8) I like that “with FINALITY” because we have worn out all of the other superlatives such that we don’t sense the immensity of “completely”
  - (9) “WITH FINALITY” makes you stop and think what you are saying / committing to!
  - (10) “WITH FINALITY” GRAMMATICALLY shows that COMMAND is NOT “START TO HOPE”
    - (a) ->LOOKS AT COMPLETED ACTION:
    - (b) YOU MUST GET TO THE POINT WHERE YOUR HOPE IS FIXED WITH FINALITY AND STAY THERE!
  - (11) Over Time
    - (a) Fill the HOPE CUP FULL
    - (b) THEN KEEP IT FULL
    - (c) When Paul said,
      - (i) “I have learned to be content in whatever

circumstances I am” (Phil 4:11)

(ii) = I am a contented person

(a)= *completed action*

(b)=**COMPLETELY CONTENT!**

f) Peter is calling us to HOPE !

(1)NOT ONLY for what it does in our life BUT ALSO

(2)BECAUSE it glorifies God

(a)When you trust God for future you are AFFIRMING God is TRUSTWORTHY

(b)If you doubt God, disbelieve God, deny God = saying “I’m not sure God can be trusted”

(c)Christian ought to be able to trust God in future given faithfulness in past

7. “on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ”

a) grace – fix your hope on this PART of the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming – the grace part

b) Q: do you do that?

(1)Or do you fix attention on event?

(2)On Christ?

(3)On Glorious reward?

(4)On glorification?

(5)On eternal life thereafter?

(6)Or ONLY on the GRACE being brought to you!?

c) When you were saved - it was ALL of God’s grace

d) AND when JC comes to give you the great salvation awaiting you- IT WILL STILL BE ALL OF GOD’S GRACE!

e) God doesn’t owe us our final glory for anything we’ve done!

f) We will no more deserve the glorification of our fallen bodies than we did deserve the salvation of our sinful souls!

g) It was / is / always will be grace!

h) Eph 2:8 by grace saved for all of salvation!

(1)No man can save himself, can keep himself saved, can earn his ultimate salvation glory

(2)ALL OF SALVATION = “not of yourself”

(3)Eph 2:8 = we had NO part in it!

- i) Peter says God is worthy of a fixed hope!
  - (1) Fixed hope on Grace!
  - (2) BECAUSE it is all of Grace!
  - (3) You owe God that!
    - (a) It gives Him all the glory!
    - (b) You'll be no more deserving than when He saved you!
  - (4) So, live in anticipation of the fullness of Grace COMING TO YOU!
- j) Does Grace excite you? It should!!
  - (1) God decided to be gracious to me!
  - (2) Grace poured out – all sins forgiven eternally, continually, past, present, future
  - (3) Holy Spirit indwelling
  - (4) Word of God to live by and learn by
  - (5) Works of God to do (Eph 2:10)!
  - (6) Fellowship of the Saints
  - (7) Seeing all of life and the world through open eyes
  - (8) Seeing God's handiwork!
  - (9) So, when you look to the day of the coming of Christ -
  - (10) LOOK AT THE GRACE –the sweetest part of all
- k) Present tense verb ["to be brought"](#)
  - (1) Seen to be future by phrase "at the revelation of Jesus Christ" which is a future event
  - (2) Such certainty that is said in the present as already happening

## 8. TRANSITION

- a) **We've just seen WHAT we are to do TOWARDS GOD in RESPONSE to WHAT He has done for us in the great salvation provided**
  - (1) We are to fix our hope with finality on the grace being brought to us at the revelation of Jesus Christ!**
- b) **NOW – HOW does Peter want us to do this?**

### **C. HOW are we to do this?**

1. GO back to v.13 for the Structure to see HOW we are to live out this “hope with finality”

13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, FIX YOUR HOPE completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- a) BUT before that Peter says “prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit”
- b) NAS reads as if these are EQUAL, SEPARATE DUTIES, but
- c) GREEK says: “Therefore, AFTER having girded up the loins of your mind WHILE keeping sober, fix your hope with finality”
  - (1)= “Therefore, AFTER HAVING prepared your minds for action WHILE keeping sober in spirit, fix your hope with finality”
  - (2)WHAT is Peter saying?
  - (3)A: BEFORE YOU CAN FIX YOUR HOPE with finality YOU MUST FIRST prepare your minds for action while being sober!
  - (4)Grammar: Participles before imperative
    - (a)Participles SET THE CONTEXT in which the IMPERATIVE MUST take place
    - (b)BUT they are not commands!
    - (c)I don’t know how to separate
      - (i) That which is necessary to be able to do a command
      - (ii) Versus the command itself!
    - (d)PUTS EMPHASIS on the COMMAND
      - (i) Where you want to get to!
      - (ii) What the important action is!
    - (e)PUTS PRIORITY on the COMMAND
      - (i) Since you’re supposed to be doing the command
      - (ii) GET THINGS OUT OF THE WAY NOW!

### **2. 1<sup>st</sup> HOW: “After having prepared your minds”**

- a) 13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action.
  - (1)Literally: “AFTER having girded up the loins of your mind”  
or
  - (a)“AFTER having prepared your minds for action”

## (2) Metaphor

- (a) Comes from their day when they lifted up and tucked in their robes to avoid entanglement / impeding of progress
- (b) The OT reference was to the Israelites in preparation for the Passover – Ex. 12:11  
 11 ‘Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is the Lord’s Passover.
- (c) Or in the NT – Eph 6:14  
 14 Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
- (d) Metaphor – Mental activity / concentration necessary for power and effectiveness
- (e) = putting out-of-mind (through mental discipline)  
 ANYTHING that would impede clear Christian thought or action by not drifting, daydreaming, distracting oneself.
- (f) VERB FORM IMPORTANT = Aorist Middle Participle
  - (i) Aorist Participle= ACTION COMPLETED BEFORE the action of the main verb!
  - (ii) = YOU MUST DO THIS BEFORE YOU CAN “fix your hope”
  - (iii) MIDDLE VOICE = Says that you participate in the action
    - (a) *God is involved in the activity*
    - (b) *The activity is for your benefit*
- (g) Again YOU MUST BRING THE THOUGHTS OF YOUR MIND UNDER CONTROL!
- (h) = a SPIRITUALLY DISCIPLINED MIND!
- (i) That’s why its best to translate the verb as it is – AS A PAST PARTICIPLE = “after having girded up the loins of your mind” = “after having prepared your mind”
- (j) “loins of your mind” = WHAT does this mean?
  - (i) Loins (below ribs down to bottom of torso) = seat of strength of the body
  - (ii) SO – loins of the mind = strong mental activity.

- (iii) Mind =  
 (a) *one's thought processes*  
 (b) *understanding*  
 (c) *mental / moral facilities*

(k) NOTE: Peter is calling for BEGINNING with mental activity NOT physical action

(l) GET CONTROL OF YOUR MIND FIRST!

(3) Here: fix your hope so that any moment you are ready to go!

(a) Nothing here holds you!

(b) [how can you fully hope for the future when you are hanging onto the present – the world!]

(4) Peter applies metaphorically to mind – get priorities right!  
 =unemcumber your mind!

(5) Prepare your mind to come out cleanly from the clutter of life's circumstances

(6) [how does this help in trial / persecution? Frees you up mentally – you can lose it all –e.g. your luggage and all will be well @ home – think in travel mode, vacation mode, visitor mode – travel light, nothing bother you, aware you're visiting

(7) Disentangle from this world's hindrances

(8) Decisively make up your mind to bring every thought captive to the reality of the grace that is coming in the return of Christ!

(9) We don't live that way! Rhought of Christ's return is not central, current, continual to us –we focus on is this world!

(10) Col 3:2 set affections / mind on things above!

### 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> HOW: While being in control

- a) NAS: [“keep sober in spirit”](#)  
 b) Literally: “while keeping sober”  
 c) [“in spirit”](#) is not in the Greek  
 d) another Participle – this one a PRESENT ACTIVE PARTICIPLE  
 e) Best translated “WHILE KEEPING SOBER”  
 (1) CONTINUAL ACTIVITY  
 (2) PREPARE YOUR MIND WHILE keeping sober.  
 f) [“sober”](#) is literally – not drunk BUT this is a metaphorical use  
 g) = sobriety in life including action

- (1)= self-disciplined in action, self-control, avoiding extremes
- (2) maintaining a calm, steady balanced mind and life that evaluates things correctly and is not thrown off-balance.
- (3)=not intoxicated with worldly enticements around you.
- (4) Lead a spiritually-disciplined life
- h) Preparing your mind = obviously mental
- i) “while keeping sober” EMPHASIZES ACTIONS THAT KEEP YOU IN CONTROL OF YOURSELF

### III. Conclusion

- a) Putting together – HAVING prepared your minds for action WHILE keeping sober in spirit =
  - (1) AFTER HAVING spiritually disciplined your mind WHILE living a spiritually disciplined self-controlled life-style
  - (2) THEN you MUST In response to what God has given you in such a great salvation, live in hope such as this for the grace to come
- b) PUT UP vv.13-21 SLIDE!
- c) Haven't covered all of this BUT
  - (1) Can you see how this will serve you in trials?
  - (2) If you have disciplined your mind / life and
  - (3) FIXED your hope COMPLETELY, WITH FINALITY on the grace to come to you
  - (4) What kind of perspective will you have toward trials?
  - (5) Your disciplined life will keep you steady while you choose to focus on the salvation to come
  - (6) Eternal perspective of trials will be yours!
- d) What does the world have?
  - (1) Prepared your minds While being in control
  - (2) NOTHING ELSE!
  - (3) NO HOPE WITH FINALITY!
- e) CLOSE WITH Romans 15:4,13
 

4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.