

## 1 Peter 1:14-16 Hope THROUGH Holiness

### I. Introduction

1. Clingen family
  - a) During World War II, MISSIONARIES Herb and Ruth Clingen and their young son spent three years in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines.
  - b) In his diary Herb recorded that their captors murdered, tortured, and starved to death many of their fellow prisoners.
  - c) The camp commandant, Konishi, was hated and feared the most.
  - d) Herb wrote, "Konishi found an inventive way to abuse us even more. He increased the food ration but gave us palay--unhusked rice. Eating the rice with its razor-sharp outer shell would cause intestinal bleeding that would kill us in hours. We had no tools to remove the husks, and doing the job manually--by pounding the grain or rolling it with a heavy stick--consumed more calories than the rice would supply. It was a death sentence for all internees"
2. We can't even imagine such PERSECUTION – a TRIAL!
3. However, we CAN IMAGINE how such a trial WOULD FOCUS US on
  - a) THE SALVATION God has awaiting us in heaven – the inheritance ready for us
4. Can also IMAGINE how such a trial WOULD FOCUS US -learning to HOPE WITH FINALITY (discussed last week)
  - a) THINK ABOUT THREE YEARS
  - b) Fathers – think about the hopelessness you could feel NOT BEING ABLE to protect your family from such PERSECUTION
  - c) Even watching them die these horrific deaths and facing the same yourselves

5. BUT –COULD YOU ALSO BE HOLY throughout all of this?
  - a) Think about that!
  - b) COULD YOU MAINTAIN your CHRISTIAN WITNESS?
  - c) TO those PERSECUTING?
  - d) TO the COMMANDER KONISHI who was killing you and your family?
6. How often do we hear someone say they don't have any interest in Christianity BECAUSE OF HOW SOME CHRISTIAN LIVED?
7. WELL – Here we are in 1 Peter
  - a) Book for the persecuted
  - b) Book for those in trials – of ALL KINDS
  - c) So far – its been relatively EASY!
  - d) V.3-12 Hear about Great Salvation awaiting us
  - e) V.13 Commanded to Hope with finality AFTER cleaning up our minds and actions – HARD but we know we should do this!
8. NOW –v.14-16 we FACE OUR GOD and HIS HOLINESS.
  - a) God has allowed these trials and now says that part of HOW we HOPE WITH FINALITY is
  - b) To BE HOLY – AS HE IS HOLY – BECAUSE HE IS HOLY
  - c) IF you are to HOPE – YOU need to BE HOLY
  - d) If you were HERB or RUTH CLINGEN or SON
    - (1)FOR 3 YEARS
    - (2)Could you maintain your holiness?
    - (3)NOT SIN TOWARDS your captors?
    - (4)Could you OBEY GOD in such a TRIAL?
9. Praise God that MOST OF US will probably never face

such a trial –

- a) But think about this and the trials of your life as we continue in our passage today and talk about Holiness!

***B. Proposition: We are going to continue 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 beg.).

***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 1:13-16***

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."

**II. REVIEW: 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 the “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) 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!

d) V.13 Therefore = “GIVEN EVERYTHING THAT GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU IN THIS GREAT SALVATION AWAITING YOU IN HEAVEN, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IS...”

3. 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 = command

b) Literally: “fix your hope with finality”

c) What is “hope?”

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

(a) In essence, is same substance as faith

(b) = believing / trusting God

(c) Faith = trusting God for the present

(d) Hope = trusting God for the Future

(e) Faith believes what God has done

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

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

(1) = to live for the future

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

e) “completely” =

(1)“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!

f) Remember:

(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

4. “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? OR

(1)On event?

(2)On Christ?

(3)On glorification?

(4)On eternal life thereafter?

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

- f) Peter says God is worthy of fixed hope with finality!
- (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!

## 5. 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 ...
  - a) GREEK says: "Therefore, AFTER HAVING prepared your minds for action WHILE keeping sober in spirit, fix your hope with finality"
    - (1) BEFORE YOU CAN FIX YOUR HOPE with finality YOU MUST FIRST prepare your minds for action while being sober!

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

- a) 13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action,
  - (1) Literally: "AFTER having prepared your minds for action"

(a)= putting out-of-mind (through mental discipline) ANYTHING that would impede clear Christian thought or action.

(b) 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*

(c) Again YOU MUST BRING THE THOUGHTS OF YOUR MIND UNDER CONTROL!

(d)= a SPIRITUALLY DISCIPLINED MIND!

(e) GET CONTROL OF YOUR MIND FIRST!

(2) 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 as in travel mode, vacation mode, visitor mode – travel light, nothing bother you, aware you’re visiting]

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

### 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) Again – another Participle – PRESENT ACTIVE

- e) Best translated “WHILE KEEPING SOBER”
  - (1) CONTINUAL ACTIVITY
  - (2) PREPARE YOUR MIND WHILE keeping sober.
- f) = sobriety in life including action
  - (1) = self-disciplined in action,
  - (2) self-control, avoiding extremes
  - (3) = not intoxicated with worldly enticements around you.
  - (4) A spiritually-disciplined life
- g) Preparing your mind = obviously mental
- h) “while keeping sober” EMPHASIZES ACTIONS THAT KEEP YOU IN CONTROL OF YOURSELF
- i) 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
  - (3) In response to what God has given you in such a great salvation, LIVE IN HOPE such as this for the grace to come
- j) PUT UP vv.13-21 SLIDE!

#### **4. 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!**
  - (2) HOW? BY FIRST having PREPARED our MINDS for ACTION while being sober**

**NOW – HOW ELSE does Peter want us to do this?**

### III. V.14-16 HOW's 3 & 4!

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."

#### A. INTRODUCTION - main verb is v.15 – BE HOLY yourselves

#### B. Hope produces Holiness (1Jn 3:2-3)

2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

Everyone who has this hope (fixed) on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure(1Jn 3:3)

1. You live in hope, you live in holiness – PRODUCES / motivates holiness

#### C. 3<sup>rd</sup> HOW: Not conforming to the WORLD v.14 (SLIDE)

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

1. "as obedient children"

##### a) "AS"

(1)connects us back to v.13 saying "those who hope in the coming Savior must also...not be conformed... and be holy..."

(2)or "inasmuch as you ARE..."

##### b) "obedient children" = Greek: As children OF OBEDIENCE

(1)common Hebraism – denotes their nature is characterized by obedience

(2)NOT "obedient children" by ACTION by "obedient children" by NATURE

(3)obedience is the mother of the children

- (4) you are born of obedience
- (5) derive character from obedient nature
- (6) obedience is the parent whose image you bear
- (7) Peter is designating our OBEDIENT NATURE as the foundation for the call to personal holiness
  - (a) Not the call itself – but foundation for it!

c) Eph 2:1-2 - unbelievers are the children of disobedience

1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

- (1) Nature; disobedience
- (2) Character: disobedience
- (3) Difference between Christian & non-Christian.

d) Peter: Since you are the children of obedience by nature

- (1) Since obedience is the pattern of your life
- (2) Mark of a believer
- (3) Since that is your pattern, it makes sense for you to be holy (though you can / do disobey).

e) So, with Obedience as your nature – with this as your foundation, I call you to...

- 14 ... do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,
- (1)– DON'T ACT LIKE YOU USED TO!

## 2. do not be conformed

- a) = fashion yourself
- b) Passive -> be fashioned – THEY CONFORM YOU
- c) Identical word to Rom 12:2 – do not be conformed to the world (almost same phrasing)
- d) Make a complete break with your former life!

3. to the former Lusts
  - a) = passionate desires, evil longings appetites, sensuous impulses that propel unregenerate
  - b) 1Thes 4:4-5 don't act like the godless heathen who don't know God
4. 'which were yours in ignorance' = before you were saved
  - a) note – unsaved / saved based on knowledge
    - (1)knew not God
    - (2)Jews-zeal for God without knowledge
    - (3)Gentiles: Eph 4;17-19 in darkness and in ignorance
    - (4)You are no longer ignorant lusters but are obedient children – SO ACT LIKE IT!!!
  - b) Eph 4:20f ...former manner of life...put off/put on. ...defining new nature as diff: r'ess, holy
  - c) Col 3:9-10 lay aside, put on new self
5. "do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in ignorance" = **DON'T BE CONFORMED TO THE WORLD**
  - a) The entire system you were saved out of
  - b) Here stated in personal terms relating to yourselves but = the world!
6. So, how can I be holy?
  - a) Not allowing myself to be fashioned according to the scheme of my former lusts which were part of my unredeemed ignorance
  - b) Make a break with the past
- 7. TRANSITION –**
  - a) **3<sup>rd</sup> HOW is to NOT CONFORM – a NEGATIVE**
  - b) **4<sup>th</sup> HOW is CLOSELY TIED BY CONTRAST**

**D. 4<sup>th</sup> HOW – BE HOLY! V.15**

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

1. “But like the Holy One who called you”

- a) “But” Signals the CONTRAST
  - (1) “But” is the strong form
  - (2) There are two sides to this coin!
  - (3)V.14 Negative: don’t act like you used to
  - (4)V.15 Positive: act like God! – Be Holy!
- b) “Like” = “in conformity to” because of the construction of the phrase as a noun phrase.
  - (1)This DIRECTLY answers v.14 “not CONFORMING to” and leads into the MODEL we ARE TO CONFORM to.
- c) “the Holy One” = agion = **“HOLY” as TITLE for God**
  - (1)**I.e. You can EQUATE GOD= HOLY**
  - (2)**IT IS HIS NATURE**
  - (3)God didn’t set standard–GOD IS STD!
  - (4)“Holy One” is a title for God 58X in Bible
    - (a)50X in OT!
    - (b)Shows Peter’s emphasis on OT theology
    - (c)God’s holiness is major theme of the OT
    - (d)ASIDE: Think about the OT – to an OT saint GOD WAS UNAPPROACHABLE – He was Holy – look at how carefully controlled access to God was!
    - (e)NT:

(f) Veil is torn (matt 27:51)– JC has given us  
ACCESS

(i) Rom 5:2

(ii) Heb 4:16,10:19-22

(iii) We can draw near to the throne of grace  
with confidence!

(iv) BUT ONLY because of the blood of JC!

(5) 1Sam 2:2 There is no one holy like the Lord

(6) Holy = SEPARATION FROM ALL THAT IS  
MORALLY IMPURE AND EVIL BEING  
IMMUTABLY (UNCHANGEABLY) HOLY FROM  
ALL ETERNITY

(7) We cannot be as holy as God is (extent) But we  
can be holy because God is (kind)

d) “called you” = effectual call

(1) EVERY reference to called in the epistles of NT  
is an effectual saving call as a result of the  
saving work of God = sovereign call

(2) Here – Marks the BEGINNING of their salvation  
and fellowship with the Holy One

(3) Peter wrote often of the Divine call

(a) 1 Peter 2:9,21

(i) 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal  
priesthood, a holy nation, a people for  
God’s own possession,

(ii) 21 For you have been called for this  
purpose, ...

(b) 3:9 ...for you were called

(c) 5:10...who called you to His eternal glory in  
Christ,

(d) 2 Peter 1:3,10

(4) Eph 1:4–chosen before foundation of the world that  
we should be holy and blameless before Him!!!

- (a) We quote that verse often to refer to the TIMING of our election
  - (b) BUT it also tells us of the PURPOSE of our election – to be HOLY AND BLAMELESS before God!
- (5) Why does v.15 say we should be Holy?
- (a) V.15 we should be like God because God said so
  - (b) Lev 11:44 ...for I am Holy
  - (c) 11:45 I'm your God, you're My people. I am Holy, you be Holy
  - (d) We're not to be holy for our sake – but for His sake! BECAUSE we are identified as His children
  - (e) Lev 18 – laying out laws – motive? I am the LORD your God (v.2,4,5,30)
  - (f) I'M THE LORD YOUR GOD AND I DON'T WANT TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH THIS STUFF!
  - (g) Lev 19:2 Repeated...  
19:3,4,10,12,15,16,18,25,28,30,32,34,36,37; 20:7,8,24; c22...c26...
  - (h) You owe God holiness for all He's done for you!
  - (i) What then becomes the compelling dominant reason for holiness? –  
 RELATIONSHIP WITH A HOLY GOD!
    - (i) THAT IS THE MESSAGE OF LEVITICUS!
    - (ii) Leviticus 19:2  
2 "Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.'

(6) Peter: The God who has identified Himself with you in grace is holy and He is worthy of holy children! That's a lofty calling!

2. be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;

a) "be holy" MEANS BECOME HOLY

(1) Michaels: "Make holiness your trademark"

(2) You are already holy in your POSITION before God

(3) You need to WORK THIS OUT in your PRACTICE

(4) Show forth in your lives the character of holiness which you possess

b) As read in 1 John 3:3 Hope must produce Holiness

(1) BEING Holy is part of HOW we are to live out the Hope of v.13

(2) AGAIN - Holy = pure clean, righteousness, sinless, separate from all filthiness of the flesh

(3) Scripture tells us in many ways that we are to become holy – that it is a process NOT fully attained in this life!

(a) 2Cor 7:1 – perfecting holiness

1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

(i) The Gr. word for "perfecting" means "to finish" or "to complete" (cf. 8:6).

(ii) "Holiness" refers to separation from all that would defile both the body and the mind.

(4) Complete or perfect holiness was embodied only in Christ, thus believers are to pursue Him

(a) 2 Cor 3:18 ...grow from glory to glory

(b) Phil. 3:12–14

12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

(c) 1 John 3:3

3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

(d) Eph 5:1-2 be imitators – be like the one whose image you bear!

c) “yourselves ALSO” = Sharpens the INDIVIDUAL response = Emphasis!

d) “in all your behavior”

(1) Literally “ALL YOUR turning up and down; going back and forth”

(2) = WHOLE MANNER OF LIFE

(3) = WHOLE daily walk

(4) “behavior” = FAVORITE word of Peter’s used 8X in 2 epistles! (1:15,18; 2:12; 3:1-2,16; 2X in 2Pet)

(a) He gives it’s WIDEST application here – what is true of ALL of them

(b) Later discusses different kinds of behaviors in Chapters 2 & 3

### **E. v.16 BECAUSE GOD IS HOLY**

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

1. FOR NEXT TIME! - USE as PART OF THE WHYs
2. EVEN THOUGH we’ve talked about part of this!

#### IV. Conclusion

**A. REVIEW SLIDE – WHAT and HOW now mostly covered!**

**B. As I've said – this section is a set of general commands that later on Peter will DRILL DOWN into SPECIFICS**

**C. Look at one of those relating to our passage today**

**D. TURN page to 1 Peter 2:11-15**

11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. = BE HOLY!

12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation. = DAY GOD BRINGS THE OFFER OF SALVATION TO THEM

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, 14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. – PURPOSE!

**E. V.15 is the purpose – the reason God COMMANDS us to be Holy**

1. YOU CAN KNOW that He is USING you for HIS GOOD!
2. You are an INSTRUMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS as Romans 6 calls it.

**F. Go back to the CLINGEN family – Herb, Ruth and young Son.**

1. BEFORE Commandant Konishi could put them to death General Douglas MacArthur's forces LIBERATED their camp.
2. THAT VERY DAY, Konishi was going to GUN DOWN all

of the REMAINING PRISONERS.

3. YEARS LATER – Konishi was found working as a grounds keeper at a Manila golf course
4. He was tried for his war crimes and put to death by hanging.
5. BEFORE his execution HE WAS SAVED saying HE WAS DEEPLY AFFECTED BY THE TESTIMONY OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES HE HAD PERSECUTED.

***G. THE CLINGEN'S HOLINESS – godly behavior  
SILENCED THE IGNORANCE OF THIS FOOLISH MAN***

***H. AND HE GLORIFIED GOD IN THE DAY OF HIS  
VISITATION.***

***I. WILL GOD BE ABLE TO DO THE SAME WITH YOUR  
LIFE?***