

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday, May 5, 2019

### “A Living Hope: Our Response to Salvation”

#### 1 Peter 1:13-25

In verses 1-12 of Chapter 1, Peter describes \_\_\_\_\_supreme place in God’s foreordained plan, explains its marvellous promise of eternal \_\_\_\_\_, and proclaims its intrinsic \_\_\_\_\_. In verse 13, he moves from describing and explaining the nature of salvation to commanding those who have received it how to \_\_\_\_\_.

“From everyone who has been given much, much will be required.” (Luke 12:48)

This principle is also \_\_\_\_\_for our response to salvation. Since no gift is greater than God’s gift of \_\_\_\_\_and salvation in Christ, nothing can demand a greater response.

#### 3 RESPONSES TO GOD’S GIFT OF SALVATION

**Response #1:** \_\_\_\_\_.

“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.” (13)

Peter exhorts us to a \_\_\_\_\_kind of action—to a hope that’s an act of the \_\_\_\_\_, and not merely based on \_\_\_\_\_. Peter is commanding us to not just to think positively about their situation, but to live \_\_\_\_\_.

Hope is the Christian’s attitude toward the \_\_\_\_\_and is equivalent to \_\_\_\_\_in that it also involves \_\_\_\_\_God. The major difference; however, between the two attitudes is that faith involves trusting God in the \_\_\_\_\_; whereas hope is \_\_\_\_\_faith—trusting God for what is to come.

**completely = *teleios* =**

We are not to hope half-heartedly or \_\_\_\_\_, but with finality, without any \_\_\_\_\_concerning the promisees of God.

“We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” (Hebrews 6:19-20)

We owe our hope exclusively to God’s \_\_\_\_\_and faithfulness. He provided the perfect salvation in Christ which resulted in the forgiveness of sins.

We have an obligation to live our lives now, in view of Jesus’ future \_\_\_\_\_.

“For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.” (Titus 2:11-14)

Peter draws our attention to the second coming of Jesus to provide a context for our present \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 2 WAYS THAT WE CAN REMAIN HOPEFUL

- \_\_\_\_\_; “Prepare your minds for action...” Peter urges us to to discipline our \_\_\_\_\_, live according to biblical principals, disentangle ourselves from the world’s \_\_\_\_\_hindrances, and \_\_\_\_\_ourselves in a righteous and godly manner, in view of everything that God has done and will do.

“...let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...” (Hebrews 12:12)

- \_\_\_\_\_; “keep sober in spirit,” Peter’s main concern here is that we don’t live under the \_\_\_\_\_of the world around us or become intoxicated by the emotions with us. He’s talking about spiritual steadfastness and \_\_\_\_\_: having \_\_\_\_\_of mind and discipline of heart; being in charge of one’s \_\_\_\_\_and balancing one’s life so as not to be subjected to the controlling and \_\_\_\_\_influences of the world.

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

If a believer finds anything more \_\_\_\_\_than fellowship with Jesus; if he yearns more to enjoy this \_\_\_\_\_than to receive the joys of heaven, then he isn’t looking forward to His appearing.

**How have you responded to God’s gift? Are living in hope?**

**Response #2:** \_\_\_\_\_.

“So you must live as God’s obedient children. Don’t slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn’t know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the

Scriptures say, ‘You must be holy because I am holy.’” (1 Peter 1:14-16)

Genuine hope results in \_\_\_\_\_ of life, and believers living in anticipation of the return of Jesus will be motivated to live a life of holiness.

“And everyone who has hoped fixed on him purifies himself, just as he is pure.”  
(1 John 3:3)

**holy = *qadosh* (Hebrew) // *hagios* (Greek) =**

Although holiness is part of the process of \_\_\_\_\_ within us and primarily the work of the \_\_\_\_\_, every follower of Jesus is called to pursue holiness and to live a holy life—there’s no \_\_\_\_\_.

And simply defined, holiness is freedom from \_\_\_\_\_.  
As Christians, we have a \_\_\_\_\_ in every situation whether we’ll sin or not.

One of the ways we try to get around this is to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves with others. The only problem with this is we’re using the \_\_\_\_\_ measuring stick!

According to Peter, holiness this begins with \_\_\_\_\_.

“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” (John 8:31-32)

True holiness is experienced when we are not being \_\_\_\_\_ to former lusts.

However, regeneration creates a new life that has both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ to live righteously.

“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:1- 3)

“But in fact it is no longer I that sin, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it...Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.” (Romans 7:17-18; 20)

The old self dies and the new self lives; they don’t \_\_\_\_\_. It’s not a remaining old nature, but the remaining garment of \_\_\_\_\_ that causes us to sin. We’ve been transformed—we’re just not fully \_\_\_\_\_. This is an

important distinction to make—we have \_\_\_\_\_ sin, but not \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

“The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ‘Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.’” (Leviticus 19:1-2)

**How have you responded to this gift? Are you seeking to live a life of holiness?**

**Response #3:** \_\_\_\_\_.

“If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.” (1 Peter 1:17)

Although we’ve been \_\_\_\_\_ to God through Jesus’ work on the cross and can call Him father, we need to remember that He is also our \_\_\_\_\_.

**fear =**

Holiness is not something that is reserved just for Sunday mornings or for our private devotional time—it’s to be lived out in \_\_\_\_\_ aspect of our lives, every \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.

#### 4 REASONS WHY WE SHOULD BE WHOLEHEARTED

• **We’ve been** \_\_\_\_\_.

“You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold...” (18)

To be redeemed means that God has \_\_\_\_\_ our freedom by paying a ransom price.

• **We’ve been** \_\_\_\_\_.

“...but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.” (19)

Jesus is our sacrificial \_\_\_\_\_.

• **God’s eternal** \_\_\_\_\_ **involved us.**

“He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.” (20)

• **Our faith and hope are rooted in the** \_\_\_\_\_.

“Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.” (21)

Jesus calls us to follow Him and we’re on \_\_\_\_\_. As such, we are to be \_\_\_\_\_. We need to be fully \_\_\_\_\_ to gather, grow, give, and go because the depth of our devotion will determine our kingdom \_\_\_\_\_.

**How have you responded to God’s gift? How wholehearted are you?**