

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 1:13

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“Go Now”

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Setting Our Compass Afresh

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **according to His abundant mercy** has **begotten us again to a living hope** through the **resurrection of Jesus Christ** from the dead, **:4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled** and that **does not fade away, reserved** in heaven for you, **:5 who are kept** by the power of God **through** faith for salvation **ready to be revealed** in the **last time**. **:6** In this you **greatly rejoice**, though now **for a little while**, if need be, you have been **grieved by various trials**, **:7** (all for this purpose) that **the genuineness of your faith**, being **much more precious** than gold that perishes, though it is **tested** by fire, may be **found to praise, honor, and glory** at the **revelation of Jesus Christ**, **:8** whom having **not seen you love**. Though **now** (only for now) you do not see Him, yet **believing**, you **rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory**, **:9** **receiving** the end of your faith - - **the salvation** of your **souls**.

1 Peter 1:10-12

:10 Of this **salvation the prophets** have **inquired** and **searched** carefully, who **prophesied** of the **grace** that **would come to you**, **:11** **searching** what, or what **manner** of time, **the Spirit of Christ** who was in **them** was **indicating** when He **testified beforehand** of **the sufferings** of Christ and **the glories** that would follow. **:12** To **them** (prophets) it was **revealed** that, not to **themselves**, but to **us they** were **ministering** the things which now have been **reported** to you through those who have **preached the gospel** to you by **the Holy Spirit** sent from heaven – things which angels **desire** to look into.

Exhortation (1)

Set your hope fully upon God.

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore gird up the loins of your **mind**, be **sober**, and **rest your hope fully (1) upon** the **grace** that is (2) to be **brought to you (3) at the revelation** of **Jesus Christ**;

Exhortation (2)

Be holy because **God the Holy Spirit is Holy** in you.

14 As obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

Exhortation (3)

Live in awe of the fact that you will meet God.

:17 and if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;

Exhortation (4)

Know the high price that was paid for you.

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

Go Now

1.) Controlled by the will of God

vs. 13a

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind,

Therefore

In light of this truth or with this truth – go now. It’s an active call. Go and do or go and be.

This “therefore” acts like a great connector, a great link between (who we are and where we are at to who God is and where He is at)

This is not theoretical theology = liberal theology

That’s what’s wrong

with the church today. It’s not systematic theology, (essential as it is)

Peter is talking about **applied theology**.

Never Leave a Bible Study or Your Personal Reading In the “theory mode.”

Mark 4:24

Then He said to them, “Take heed (pay attention) **what** you hear.

Luke 8:18 NLT

“Pay attention to **how** you hear. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given you. But for those who are not listening, even what they think they understand Even that will be taken away from them.”

I have a friend, a real American war hero. Famous.

If you were to read about his exploits on the battle field or CIA missions around the globe - - you’d say “no way” but if you were to catch him taking his shirt off, you’d shut your mouth - - why? Because he has the scars to prove his claims.

As a Christian, have ye any scars?

1 Peter 1:13a
Therefore gird up the loins of your mind,

Pull up and tuck in the robe – be in the ready mode.

The loins of your mind.

Loins meaning, the descendants. This is a powerful exhortation here.

It means that which our thoughts produce.

Luke 7:35
But **wisdom** is justified by all **her children.**”

The legacy of your thought life surrounds you.

Mind - - the origin of our thought-world
the mind's disposition, character, thought-life. the dwelling place of your thoughts.

Where do your thoughts go when you're alone with yourself?

Romans 12:1-2 NIV
Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. **2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. **Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will.**

Ask yourself – should my mind/thoughts be here, be there.
“Yes” is the answer if your thought life pleases God.

Colossians 3:2
Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
Like a horse's “blinders” that keep him from being spooked.

Go Now

2.) Secured by the grace of God

vs. 13b

be **sober**, and **rest your hope fully upon the grace**

Be sober

to decide now – to be calm and level of mind. It means to stop being “intoxicated by emotional impulses”. Rather, decide to ponder an issue. to pause before acting. Think it through. to weigh the pros and cons of a decision before acting upon it.

Hold It Up to Doctrine

Rest your hope

hope fully

elpizo; not a wishful hope. not a lucky hope. not a hope, I hope. Rather it is the assured hope. A guaranteed hope. A fixed hope like the north star or an anchor.

I Thank God That His Anchors (Promises) Never Drift !

1 Peter 1:13 KJV

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, **and hope to the end**

End; teleios, is the transfer of logos or logic. data, to communicate information from point “a” to point “b”. with perfect exactness. Telemetry. To send information along a line or pathway. the trajectory of a rocket, to go on to completion.

During the Apollo Space Missions, @ 15 seconds before ignition - NASA ground control would say to the astronauts onboard - - **“Guidance is Internal”** meaning that what was programmed on earth has been (teleos) placed inside the spacecraft – that was guiding them from the outside, is now on the inside and has taken over !

John 16:13a – John 14:17-18a

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth... Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— **John 14:17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. **18** I will not leave you orphans;

Christian – ya wanna know why you and I are to be walking in the Spirit daily? – it’s because the Holy Spirit in you has set you on an exact trajectory toward heaven. God is your GPS

Isaiah 43:2-3a

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. **3a** For I am the Lord your God,

Hope fully upon the GRACE

grace

charis; a pronounced favoritism, a bestowed blessing, an unmerited kindness sovereignly determined by God Himself alone.

Never Forget This Fact, The LORD is Good and He Desires to Favor Me if I’m Willing to Believe In His Promises.

Go Now

3.) Provided by the love of God

vs. 13c

The grace that is to be **brought to you**

brought

phero - enegko, nautical term: to be carried along (sail) the way or to be borne aloft. To be driven by the wind, to be underway.

God's Grace will be Completed in Full - in your life at His Coming !

I know that none of you are troubled in heart and mind like I am.
But I am often so grieved by my lack of love and devotion for God.

Don't get me wrong – I'm not out and about sinning.

I'm not doing evil or peeking at porn or walking on the edge...

Romans 7:24-25

O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?
25 I thank God - - through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 8:35-39

Who (?) shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall (what?) tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **36** As it is written: "For Your (God's) sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." **:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38** For I am **persuaded** that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, **39** nor height nor depth, nor **any other created thing** (me). **shall be able to separate us** from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Go Now

4.) Comforted by the return of God

vs. 13d

at **the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

1 Peter 1:13

...rest your hope fully upon **the grace** (why? how? - because) that grace is on its way - - to be brought to you **at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

1 John 2:28

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

Listen Child of God – 1 Peter 1:13

Is the definition of **Titus 2:13-14**

Titus 2:13-14a

Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, **14a** who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us.

Explain this.

<https://www.cnbc.com/2018/01/18/stock-markets-value-under-trump-hasgrown-by-6-point-9-trillion-to-30-point-6-trillion.html>

Right now, the US economy is booming. Record growth. Record wealth. Record low unemployment rate from 9.4% under Obama to 3.8% in 500 days - - more blacks, more females, more Hispanics are employed than in previous decades. ISIS has been defeated, Trump has put Rocket Man in his place and they're talking - - America is on a high !!

- - while suicide is ravaging America !

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/allthemoms/2018/06/08/teen-suicidehow-help/685853002/>

<https://www.wsls.com/news/virginia/roanoke/virginia-ranks-as-one-of-the-most-dangerous-states-for-kids-online>

ROANOKE, Va. - School's out for the summer and that means more children will be venturing online. That also means parents need to be on high alert because Virginia ranked third on a list of the most dangerous states for children online. Arizona and Colorado topped the list.

No God. No Peace. Know God. Know Peace.

Malachi 4:2

But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings;

Colossians 3:4

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Hebrews 9:28

So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

_____ **End of Study** _____

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