

The Expression of our Hope

1 Peter 1:13-25

The Point: Our hope in Christ changes how we view the world and live in it.

I. Live in Grace and Holiness instead of conformity to the world...vv. 13-16

- Ready your minds for action and be sober-minded.
- Set your hope completely on the grace of Jesus Christ.
- Do not conform to the “old” desires — Be obedient!
- Be Holy in all your conduct.
- Holy = Set apart.

Some Lasting Truths in 1 Peter 1:13-16

- Our mindset as Christians should be focused on the hope that we have in Jesus Christ.
- Holiness is made possible for us because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Since God is holy and we are His children, we are called to be holy.
- Holy living is vital to our witness as followers of Jesus.

II. Live as God’s people because we have been redeemed...vv. 17-21

- Conduct yourselves in reverence.
- We are strangers and should live like it.
- Our works and conduct will be judged one day.

- We were redeemed not with perishable things but with the blood of Jesus Christ.
- We can place our faith and hope in Christ because he has done everything necessary for us to have peace with God.

Some Lasting Truths in 1 Peter 1:17-21

- Knowledge of a certain future judgment is plenty of motivation for us to live a holy life on earth right now.
- We have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.
- Because Jesus has paid the price for our redemption, we can place our hope and trust in Him.

III. Following God's Word helps us remain pure...vv. 22-25

- We are purified by obeying the truth through the Holy Spirit.
- Sincere love for one another is proof of purity.
- We are to love one another because we have been born again.
- God's Word endures forever and has the power to change lives.

Some Lasting Truths in 1 Peter 1:22-25

- God's Word has a sanctifying effect on those who put it into practice.
- The presence of God's love in our hearts is confirmation of our experience of the new birth in Christ.
- The seed of God's Word produces life and fruit in our lives for all to see.
- Unlike man's words, God's Word has dynamic power to change our lives.

Apply It!

Think of three people this week that you can pray for them to be receptive to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Demonstrate the love of Christ to those in your circle of influence this week.

Purposefully approach someone with the intention of having a gospel centered conversation.