

Gospel Hope in a Hostile Land
Message: A Serious Holy Hope
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- **A Key Command: Set your hope fully on the grace that is yet to come.**
- V13 - *Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*
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- Peter gives us two distinctive marks of this kind of hope-filled person, the kind of person that sets their hope fully on the grace to come.
- **Two Marks**
- **First Mark: This hope-filled person has a spiritually healthy mind.**
- V13 - *Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*
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- Peter then gives us two qualities of this spiritually healthy mind.
- **Qualities of a Spiritually Healthy Mind**
- **1) A mind prepared for spiritual action.** ‘*preparing your minds for action*’ is literally translated as ‘gird up the loins of your mind’.
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- **2) A mind that is serious and sober – not a spiritually intoxicated mind.**
- V13 – *and being sober-minded...*the NIV says, *fully sober*.
- Wayne Grudem quote - *Peter forbids letting the mind wander into any other kind of mental intoxication or addiction which inhibits spiritual alertness, or any laziness of mind which lulls Christians into sin through carelessness.*
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- The 2nd mark that Peter gives is...
- **2nd Mark: You must live a holy life, a life set apart to God.**
- V14- *14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct...*
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- **Two Parts to Holy Living**
- **1) Remember that you have been removed from ordinary and evil use.**
- **2) Remember that you have been set apart and are now devoted to sacred God-glorifying use.**
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- So, how do you live like this? How do we do this in daily life?
- Peter tell us.
- The first is positive, do something - the second is negative, don't do this.
- **Peter's Instruction on Holy Living**
- **1) Live as obedient children of God.**
- **2) Do not be conformed to the lusts of your former spiritually ignorant way of life.**
- V14 - *As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance...*
- We cannot be conformed to the passions of our former ignorance.
- That word 'passions' in v14 is a reference to our sinful desires.
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- From here, Peter gives us the source and motivation for living this holy life.
- **Biblical Motivation for Living Holy Lives**
- **> We should be motivated by the holy character of the God who called us and saved us.**
- V15 - *15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."*
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- ***Encouragement:***
- ***Let your future hope be the source of your present hope.***