

Daily Study Guide

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1 Peter 1:13-21 | Hope Happens

Sermon Application Review from 1 Peter 1:1–12

How did you reflect on your “living hope” this past week (1 Peter 1:3)?

How did you “greatly rejoice” rather than complain (1:6, 8)?

Scripture References

1 Peter 1:13–21

Colossians 3:1–3

Romans 12:1–2

Leviticus 11:44; 19:2; 20:7, 26

Proverbs 1:7; 9:10

Ecclesiastes 12:13–14

Titus 2:11–15

Study Questions

1. How do you “prepare your mind for action” (1 Peter 1:13)? Why is the mind so important in the Christian life? What are some distractions in your spiritual life? How can you “keep sober in spirit”? How does the prospect of Christ’s return affect your mindset and discipline? Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 and 1 John 2:28.

2. What wrong beliefs from Satan, the world, and your flesh keep you from holiness (1 Peter 1:14–16)? How can you mentally rehearse the consequences of your “former life” so that you avoid sin? Read Romans 6:19–23. In what specific way(s) are you becoming more like your heavenly Father and less like this world? In what ways could you be more distinctively Christ-like in our society? Read Matthew 5:13–16.

3. What type of “fear” is appropriate for the Christian? How can we balance 1 Peter 4:17 with 1 John 4:18? Think of an area in your life where you regularly disobey God. How might you use the motivation of future judgment the next time you are tempted to sin in that way? Read 2 Corinthians 5:9–11.

4. How often do you reflect on Christ’s work on the cross (1 Peter 1:18–21)? How would you explain the importance of Christ’s shed blood for sin (1:19)? Read Hebrews 9:22. Why is God’s “foreknowledge” of Jesus’ death so meaningful (cf. 1:2)? How does Christ’s work of redeeming you serve as a catalyst for obedience?

5. How has the “hope” (1 Peter 1:13, 21) of Christ’s return and your glorification impacted your life and ministry? How have you experienced past blessing from choosing to obey? How can you use that experience to encourage present obedience? Read John 8:31–32.

Recommended Reading

R. C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God* (Tyndale, [1985] 1998)

J. I. Packer, *Knowing God* (InterVarsity, 1973)

Jerry Bridges, *The Joy of Fearing God* (WaterBrook, 2004)

_____. *Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate* (NavPress, 2007)

Robert P. Lightner, *Sin, the Savior, and Salvation: The Theology of Everlasting Life* (Kregel, 1996)

Bruce Demarest, *The Cross and Salvation* (Crossway, 2006)