

1 PETER

A LIVING HOPE IN CHRIST



The Believer's Identity

1 Peter 1:13-25

- **"All our problems, we send to the cross of Christ."**
- **"All our sins, we send to the cross of Christ."**
- **"All the devil's works, we send to the cross of Christ."**
- **"All our hopes, we set on the risen Christ."**



**Peter gives 4 direct commands on how we are
to live in light of this great inheritance
that we have been given.**



1 Peter 1:13

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.



Peter's 4 commands for how we are to live in light of our inheritance:

1. We must be hopeful.



How are we to remain hopeful during trials?

- **By preparing our minds.**
- **Setting our full hope on Christ.**



Peter's 4 commands for how we are to live in light of our inheritance:

1. We must be hopeful.

2. We must be holy.



1 Peter 1:14-16

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, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”



Jeremiah 17:9

“Above all else the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked and who can know it.”



**The word holy means to be separate
or to be set apart for a divine purpose.**

Any disordered desire will feel more normal and appealing to us during a temptation than turning to Christ.

Do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance.

Our response to the reality that God is holy:

- 1. Psalm 29:22 says, “ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name, worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.” So we worship and rightly recognize Him in His proper place in the world and in our lives.**
- 2. We are to be holy, set apart as a chosen people, as we imitate Him.**

J.I. Packer

“Holiness is the healthy growth of morally misshapen humans toward the moral image of Jesus Christ, the perfect man. Their growth is supernatural. It takes the sanctifying work of the indwelling Holy Spirit to effect it.”

Peter's 4 commands for how we are to live in light of our inheritance:

- 1. We must be hopeful.**
- 2. We must be holy.**
- 3. We must be reverent.**

1 Peter 1:17-21

17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

1 Peter 1:17-21

20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

We should live in reverence towards our Holy God who is an impartial judge, because it costs him His life!

Our salvation was not bought with something that is perishable or passed down from ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ. Behold him!

Peter's 4 commands for how we are to live in light of our inheritance:

- 1. We must be hopeful.**
- 2. We must be holy.**
- 3. We must be reverent.**
- 4. We are to love one another.**

1 Peter 2:22-25

22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.
23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 Peter 2:22-25

24 For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.

You are fully known and fully loved by your Heavenly Father.

Because of this great love, we can love each other deeply from the heart.

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