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." 1 Peter 1:13

A familiar theme comes out in this passage which we have seen running throughout our journey of hope. Scripture attaches hope to the return of Christ. As the Apostle Peter wrote to Christians who were being persecuted for their faith in Christ, he too reminds them that their hope is not in this world but it rests securely in the return of Christ. What is a believer, who is hoping in Christ's return, to do while he or she is waiting? Peter gives some very important points of application for a believer who has their hope placed in Christ's return. 1) Be ready for action. Our posture as followers of Jesus should not be one of passivity but rather one of that strives to impact this world with the message of the gospel. 2) Be sober-minded. This speaks to the fact that a believer should be focused on the mission of glorifying Christ and not easily distracted by the cares of this world. 3) Hope set fully on the grace of Jesus. Peter's encouragement to the believers was not to rely on their own strength while waiting for the return of Christ, but to fully trust in the grace of God at work in their lives to equip them for what they were called to do. Take a few moments today to evaluate how you are using your life for the cause of Christ while you await His return.

How can you apply this passage to your life? Write your reflections in the space below.

