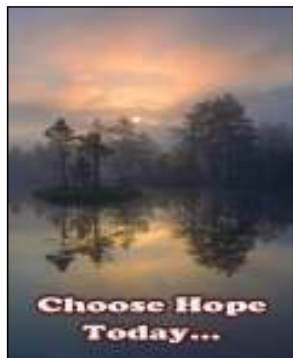


Rest In Hope



What is Hope?

Hope is the Christian's attitude toward the future.

In its essence, hope is equivalent to faith; it is trusting God. **Faith** involves trusting God in the present, whereas hope is future faith, trusting God for what is to come. **Faith** appropriates what God has already said and done in His revealed Word, and **hope** anticipates what He will yet do, as promised in Scripture.

A. Hope and Holiness 1:13-16

Peter reveals three steps to follow if we are to live a life of hope and holiness.

1. Be prepared 1:13
 - a. **Gird up the loins of you mind:** A disciplined mind, not scatter-brained, ready for action, not letting your guard down. *Rom 12:2; Phil 4:8*
 - b. **Be sober:** Do not be influenced by alcohol; be self-controlled; steady. *Eph 5:18; 1 Thes 5:5; 1 Pet 5:8*
 - c. **Rest in hope:** Hope to the end! This is future faith (faith for the future) based on God's grace.
2. Be obedient 1:14
 - a. **Example of obedient children:** Children do many things out of ignorance or innocence. When God instructs us and corrects us—we learn obedience.
 - b. **Example of non-conformity:** The word 'conform' denotes a fashioning—the fashions of the world.
3. Be holy 1:15-16; Mat 5:48; 6:13
 - a. **Be separated:** The word holy in both the Old and New Testaments means to be separated from sin. Christ and His shed blood is the source of our holiness.
 - b. **Genuine hope:** Results in purity of life or holiness. *"And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." 1 Joh 3:3; 1:9; Heb 12:1-2*

B. Hope and Faith 1:17-21

Peter now reveals three steps to follow if we are to live a life of hope and faith.

1. Live as strangers 1:17
 - a. **Call on the Father:** *"And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of Him during your time as 'foreigners in the land.'" 1:17 NLT*
2. Live as the redeemed 1:18-20
 - a. **No more aimless conduct:** Seeking fulfillment in all the wrong places. Vain, empty, fruitless! *Mat 7:24-27*
 - b. **No more tradition:** Following a Pharisee-type religious practice to be holy. *Col 2:20-23*
 - c. **The blood of the Lamb:** Trusting in the finished work of the Messiah.

1 Peter 1:13-21 (NKJV)

:13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

:14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;

:15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in *all* your conduct,

:16 because it is written, "BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

:17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;

:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

:20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

:21 who through Him believe in God, who **raised** Him from the dead and gave Him **glory**, so that your **faith and hope** are in God.

3. Live in hope and faith 1:21

Peter summarizes verses 13-21

<u>Raised</u>	<u>Glory</u>
Resurrection	Accession

<u>Faith</u>	<u>Hope</u>
The resurrection Power of God	As He was raised so will I

"It's because of this sacrificed Messiah, whom God then raised from the dead and glorified, that you trust God, that you know you have a future in God." Message Bible