

FULL^{OF} HOPE, FAR^{FROM} HOME

Study in 1 Peter

Sermon Title: “Hope-Fueled, Sober-Minded, God-Reflecting Lives”

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-17

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INTRODUCTION

I. A SALVATION TOO GLORIOUS FOR HALF-HEARTED HOPE

The Long-Awaited FIRST Command: Hope fully! (verse 13)

Note: Set your hope fully on the grace that is already on the way!!!

Psalm 16:11 -

Note: The phrase “*preparing your minds for action*” could more literally be translated as “*gird up the loins of your mind*” or “*gather together the loose ends of your chaotic, distracted thinking*”.

The Always-Relevant NEGATIVE Command: Don't be conformed! (verse 14)

John 14:23-24a -

Note: If this verse teaches us anything, it teaches us that WE ALL have a past, an ugly past.

Romans 12:1b; Colossians 3:2; Ephesians 5:8-10; Philippians 4:8 -

The All-Encompassing POSITIVE Command: Be holy! (verses 15-16)

Leviticus 11:45; Ephesians 5:1-2 -

Note: God is passionate about HIS GLORY and THE GOOD of His people. The wonderful truth is that God is *glorified BY* and our *greatest good is accomplished IN* our holiness, our growth in holiness.

The Forward-Looking SOBERING Command: Walk in godly fear! (verse 17)

Note: Because God is our Father, we are to consciously live each day in His holy presence!

Romans 8:1; 1 Peter 1:18-19 -

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What is the first command in the book of 1st Peter? Why is it so important?
2. What two phrases support and clarify the first command?
3. What does verse 14 say about our present reality and our past condition?
4. What is holiness and why is it so important? Why does God desire our holiness?
5. According to verse 17, who is our Father; what is He like? How should we respond to Him?