

**“It’s the Way We Live”  
A Living Hope—Part 3  
1 Peter 1:13–21**

- Salvation is great because it was the focus of the prophets’ study.
- Salvation is great because it was the focus of the Holy Spirit’s inspiration.
- Salvation is great because it was the focus of the Apostles’ proclamation.

*Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.” If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you 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.*

—1 Peter 1:13–21

- 1. Prepare your minds for action**
- 2. Keep sober in spirit**
- 3. Fix your hope completely**
- 4. Do not be conformed to former lusts**
- 5. Be holy in all your behavior**
- 6. Conduct yourself in fear**

**1. Prepare your minds for action.**

*“Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is the LORD’S Passover.”*

—Exodus 12:11

- Get your priorities right, get your mind tightened down.
- Decisively make up your mind to bring every thought captive to the reality of salvation.

**2. Keep sober in spirit.**

- Sober mindedness is the idea of being spiritually steadfast, exercising spiritual self-control.
- Discipline is as simple as repeating something often enough until it becomes a habit.
- By repeating an action that becomes a habit, you learn the feel of a disciplined life.

**3. Fix your hope completely.**

- Hope is the Christian’s attitude toward the future.
- Faith believes what God has said, and hope believes what God has promised yet to do.
- God deserves our hope.

- Fix your eyes on the **grace** being brought to you.

#### 4. Do not be conformed to former lusts.

“It is that you are born of obedience, you derive your character from obedience, you derive your nature from obedience. Obedience is the parent whose image you bear.”

—John MacArthur

- The character of a non-Christian is **disobedience** to God. The character of a Christian is **obedience**.
- It means to not conform yourself—both your **mind** and **character**—to another’s pattern.
- We live lives that are **Spirit**-controlled, not **body**-controlled.

#### 5. Be holy in all your behavior.

*For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.*

—Deuteronomy 7:6–8

- The Lord called out the nation of Israel to be **separate**, and the same thing applies to the **church**.

*But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.*

—1 Peter 2:9-10

- Holiness is to be separate from the **world**.

“One of the cultural problems that we are having in western civilization today is that we are adopting secular viewpoints into Christian thinking.”

—David Hocking

“We must cover ourselves with faith and humility... the broken and contrite heart He will not despise... we must hide our unholiness in the wounds of Christ... we must believe that God sees us perfect in His Son while He disciplines and chastens and purges us that we may be partakers of His holiness.”

—A.W. Tozer

#### 6. Conduct yourselves in fear.

Proverbs is filled with this idea:

- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (1:7)
- The fear of the Lord is to hate evil (8:13)
- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (9:10)
- The fear of the Lord prolongs life (10:27)
- The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life (14:27)
- By the fear of the Lord one keeps away from evil (16:6)
- The fear of the Lord leads to life (19:23)

- It means **reverence**, **awe**, **respect**, and **honor**.
- The Bible, both Old and New Testaments, shows our God is a **Judge**.
- The judge is a person with **authority**.
- The judge is a person identified with what is **good and right**.
- The judge is a person of **wisdom**, able to discern truth.
- The judge is a person of **power**, able to execute sentence.

“The Christian view of judgment means that history moves to a goal...Judgment protects the idea of the triumph of God and of good. It is unthinkable that the present conflict between good and evil should last throughout eternity. Judgment means that evil will be disposed of authoritatively, decisively, finally. Judgment means that in the end God’s will will be perfectly done.”

—Leon Morris

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—1 Peter 1:18–21

- Your redemption wasn’t paid for with **perishable** items. It was purchased with the **blood** of the perfect lamb of God.
- God has done this now, at the **perfect time**, for you.
- In **hearing** this, **seeing** this, and **believing** this, we might have faith, we might have hope.

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