

“Living in the Hope of the Gospel”

1 Peter 1:13-16

I. Disciplined Focus

A. *The Command*

“Therefore having girded up the loins of your mind, being sober-minded, set your hope fully upon the grace being brought to you in the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. (NIV)

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2 Peter 2:7,8

“righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds.”

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2. *What is Needed*

“with minds that are alert and fully sober.”
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Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind,
be sober, and hope to the end for the grace
that is to be brought unto you at the
revelation of Jesus Christ. (KJV)

“The cares of this life and the pressure of persecution can intoxicate the Christian and distract his or her focus just as easily as wine might.” - Peter Davids

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A. Expectation for Children

1 John 2:3,4

By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him

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B. *Two Commands*

1. *Don't Conform*

2. *Be Holy*

2 Timothy 2:21

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

“He is so far above and beyond us that He seems almost totally foreign to us.”

- R.C. Sproul

-Holiness is the habit of being of one mind with God, according as we find his mind described in Scripture. It is the habit of agreeing in God's judgment, hating what he hates, loving what He loves and measuring everything in this world by the standard of His word.

-A holy man will endeavor to shun every known sin and to keep every known commandment. He will have a decided bent of mind towards God, a hearty desire to do His will, a greater fear of displeasing Him than of displeasing the world.

-A holy man will strive to be like our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Holiness does not consist in mystic speculations, enthusiastic fervors or uncommanded austerities; it consists in thinking as God thinks and willing as God wills”

Ephesians 4:24

and to put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Hebrews 12:10

For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

Vs. 14 - Pursue peace with all people, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

1 John 3:2,3

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope set on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

“God does not require a perfect, sinless life to have fellowship with Him, but He does require that we be serious about holiness, that we grieve over sin in our lives instead of justifying it, and that we earnestly pursue holiness as a way of life.”

- Jerry Bridges

“The shift of Christian interest away from the pursuit of holiness to focus on fun and fulfillment, ego massage, and techniques for present success, and public issues that carry no challenge to one’s personal morals, is a fact.” - J.I. Packer

“What a strange kind of salvation do they desire that care not for holiness. They would be saved by Christ and yet be out of Christ in a fleshly state...They would have their sins forgiven, not that they may walk with God in love, in time to come, but that they may practice their enmity against Him without any fear of punishment.”

- Walter Marshall

