

## **Fixate Your Hope on Grace, (#1)**

**Theme:** The refining and growth produced by our sufferings (1PE 1:6-7) and the “living hope” we have through the resurrection even in the midst of suffering (1PE1:3-7).

**1 Pet.1:2 Outline-** The eternal plan (foreknowledge) of God allows the adversities of life for growth (experiential sanctification) building capacity for obedience to glorify God.

**1Pet 1:13 – therefore, gird up your minds for action, be sober/self-controlled, fix your hope fully on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

**1 Pet.1:13 - Therefore: dio** because we have been born again to a living hope, given an inheritance incorruptible and a salvation to be revealed at the last day, because we have adversities intended to yield praise, honor & glory & we have the word of OT prophets.

**1 Pet.1:13 - 3 verbal ideas:** Aor Ptc – having prepared your mind; P.Ptc – while being self controlled; A.A.Impv – Set your hope on the grace to be brought to you.

**1 Pet.1:13 Having girded your minds for action** – prepare your minds to live the CWL. **Anazummi** – tie up long robes out of the way, allowing person to run/work

- Girding your loins means to prepare yourself for action – action of CWL/adversity
- Heb 12:1 – remove encumbrances & sin that entangles – remove what can trip us up

Salvation à Knowledge / Milk Doctrine à security / salvation à Knowledge / Meat Doctrine à Function: Take off Old Man Belief System – Put on New Man Belief System à Spiritually Mature à Max expression of Christian character – Divine Fruit / GHS – being sober / self controlled

1. Girding / loins / mind describes the learning, growing and maturing process of CWL
2. The Aor. Ptc. precedes the action of the main verb (fix hope) saying growth must precede the ability to be effective in the Angelic Conflict (A/C) – God uses prepared people.
3. Believers must throw off the influence of the sin nature and OM belief system.
4. Believers must listen/walk by means GHS & embrace the NM belief system
5. We must prepare our minds to prove out the validity of our faith in God’s word under all the different types of adversity in the A/C – 1 Pet.1:6-7.

**1 Pet.1:13 Sober/self controlled** – **nepho** – P.Ptc not drunk, self restrained, guarded behavior  
Peter sees self control as imperative in the A/C: 1 Pet.1:13; 4:7 – end is near, be self controlled in prayer; 5:8 – self controlled to resist the devil’s schemes to neutralize your ministry

1Thes 5:6, 8 compared with sleep & drunkenness; (2Tim 4:5) self controlled in all situations

1. Having prepared our minds to apply the word in the adversities of life, Peter tells us how to conduct ourselves in the warfare.
2. We must avoid drunkenness and intoxication as a way of escaping the pressure.
3. We are to conduct ourselves with self-restraint, guarding our credibility as witnesses of the hope we have in our future with God.
4. We are to guard our minds to pray, to resist the devil, to continue trusting the promises of God under extreme adversity.

**1 Pet.1:13 Fix your hope fully** – **elpizo** A.A.Impv; set your hope; **teleios** – completely, fully

- Put all your confidence in the grace of God to be revealed when Christ returns. Prepare your minds to live (CWL), be sober and self controlled, set your hope on grace

## Hope

### 1. Definition: (elpizo) – to attach confidence to something in the future; to expect, to attach your expectations to a person or future situation

**1 Pet.1:13** – attach your confidence / expectations fully, completely to the grace to be revealed. **elpis** – confident expectation about the future – what we are expecting to happen

- What we hope for is what we expect to occur at some point in our lives
- Hope is personally attached to something we expect to happen in our future

**1 Pet.1:13** – Focus all your future benefit on the grace to be given when Christ is revealed

- We take specific actions in life expecting specific results – marriage, investing
  - A. Hope / expectation are about the future – Rom 8:24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has?
  - B. Expectations come from our beliefs – Rom 15:13 – **whatever** we believe will happen in the future forms our expectations about our future
  - C. Our hope is our personal attachment to a positive future – what we hope for self
  - D. We develop strategies - a life plan to get us to where we want to go – comes out of what we believe will bring +H in our lives – either worldly or spiritual
  - E. We fix hope on worldly/material future or on what God's grace has provided
- Our expectations determine how we deal with relationships; types of relationships we choose (Paul); spiritual life; career; finances; geography, every area of life

### 2. The object of Hope/expectations determines its validity.

**False Hope / unrealistic expectations**– attach faith / hope in man & the things of this life

- Job 8:13-14     the hope of the godless will perish  
Job 31:24       don't make gold your hope or put confidence in wealth  
Job 8:14        those who forget God, their hope is in the strength of a spider's web  
Jeremiah 17:5   Thus says the LORD, Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind And makes flesh his strength, And whose heart turns away from the LORD.
- A. False hope is the expectation that man or things/life can save or give +H
  - B. False hope comes from believing the world's lie of life w/out God.
  - C. False hope pursues the things of this life for +H – wealth as security
  - D. False hope will always bring utter disappointment – cursed is the man

**Godly Hope** – placing your faith/hope in God and the things of eternity

**Luke 12:33** Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

- Psm 31:24       those who trust in the Lord will strengthen their hearts  
Psm 42:5        hope in the Lord quiets the disturbed soul  
Psm 38:15       hope in the Lord receives answers to prayer
- A. The Lord always delivers what He promises – He is able to deliver
  - B. Hope in the Lord lacks worldly excitement but it is certain & secure
  - C. It is important to be realistic about what God is promising

§ He does not promise to protect us from all the evil things in this life – He promises the strength to overcome all the evil in the world – Jn 16:33

§ He does not promise relationships w/out disappointment – He promises to strengthen our capacity to love w/out conditions and enable us to forgive – Eph 4:31-32

D. Hope in the Lord never ends in disappointment –

**Rom 5:5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.**

### 3. The greatest object of hope is God's grace in the resurrection of Christ.

**1 Pet.1:3** God-Father - In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**1 Pet.1:13** – set your hope totally on the grace to be given when Jesus is revealed

- The resurrection of Jesus surprised the disciples, then it took away their fear and gave them courage & boldness – they realized that even death was nothing to fear

Eph 2:12	the unbeliever has no hope in the future after death
1Thes 4:13	unbel grieves w/out hope – believer can grieve with hope
Rom 15:4	hope in the resurrection comes from the Holy Scriptures
Eph 1:16-19	eyes of the heart enlightened to know the hope of His calling – eternity
Col 1:5	hope laid up in heaven taught in the gospel – what we can expect in heaven
Heb 6:18-19	lay hold of the hope of God's promise – anchor of the soul

- Must take hold of the hope by believing the promise of God

**1 Pet.1:18-21** – resurrection is the ultimate basis of trusting & hoping in God

- The resurrection has destroyed the power of death – 1Cor 15:55-56
  - A. Everything left unresolved in this life will be forgotten in eternity – no more tears
  - B. All sin / evil and its results will be left behind in eternity.
  - C. All believing loved ones will be with us in eternity – perfect relationships

1Cor 15:20-28 – The resurrection ushers us into the next phase of God's plan where all things will once again be fully submissive to His will – all will be as it always should have been – Everything is going to be alright!!

### 4. Peter: base our +H & security on what God's grace has provided & will fully reveal when Christ returns, not on any material asset or human relationship.

**1 Pet.1:18** not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold – eternally worthless

**1 Pet.1:24-25** flesh is like grass, the whole world perishes; word of God remains forever

**1 Pet.2:13** submit to every divine institution for the Lord's sake – abandon earthly gain for the Lord's sake and focus on the grace to be revealed when He returns.

- A. We begin life w/out God and build our beliefs using material assets as our idea of getting ahead and being rewarded.
- B. The world only has material gain as the reference point for wealth & success.
- C. Material gain has no thought of death and life beyond the grave.
- D. Realization of death causes us to rethink what is truly valuable and what is not.
- E. When we take off OM beliefs we abandon material gain as a means of +H
- F. When we put on NM beliefs we fix our hope on God's grace and look to the life that we will live beyond the grave.

**Prepare your minds, be self-controlled & fix your hope on the grace coming with Christ when He returns.**