

Thickening the Cords of Hope

Bible Study on 1 Peter 1:10-21

It was concerning this salvation that the prophets made careful search and investigation, and they prophesied about this gift which God would give you. ¹¹ They tried to find out when the time would be and how it would come. This was the time to which Christ's Spirit in them was pointing, in predicting the sufferings that Christ would have to endure and the glory that would follow. ¹² God revealed to these prophets that their work was not for their own benefit, but for yours, as they spoke about those things which you have now heard from the messengers who announced the Good News by the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. These are things which even the angels would like to understand.

¹³ So then, have your minds ready for action. Keep alert and set your hope completely on the blessing which will be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. ¹⁴ Be obedient to God, and do not allow your lives to be shaped by those desires you had when you were still ignorant. ¹⁵ Instead, be holy in all that you do, just as God who called you is holy. ¹⁶ The scripture says, "Be holy because I am holy."

¹⁷ You call him Father, when you pray to God, who judges all people by the same standard, according to what each one has done; so then, spend the rest of your lives here on earth in reverence for him. ¹⁸ For you know what was paid to set you free from the worthless manner of life handed down by your ancestors. It was not something that can be destroyed, such as silver or gold; ¹⁹ it was the costly sacrifice of Christ, who was like a lamb without defect or flaw. ²⁰ He had been chosen by God before the creation of the world and was revealed in these last days for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from death and gave him glory; and so your faith and hope are fixed on God.

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Bring your whole self to a life of hope.

- Head (v. 10-22, 12-13, 18)
- Heart (v. 14, 21)
- Hands (v. 13, 15, 17)

Don't wait to hope. Today is the day.

- The Old Testament prophets wrote for our benefit today (then and now). (v. 12)
- For the rest of our lives (v. 17)
- Present tense: Our faith and hope are [**being**, present infinitive] in God." (v. 21)

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Our Christian hope is worthy of thoughtful consideration.

- Prophets searched carefully to discover the mysteries of God's gift. (v. 10)
- Angels sought to understand these things. (v. 12)
- Knowing the realities of our redemption has great implications. (v. 18)

Tie your anchor to God's abiding purpose for his people.

- We can learn something from the prophets. (v. 12)
- God has established our purpose in Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:15)
- Our purpose in Christ is not tied to our circumstances.

True hope is worth waiting for.

- Valuable (v. 18)
- Secured (v. 21)
- We don't wait alone. (Romans 8:22-25)

For Your Thoughtful Reflection

- What does it mean for you to bring your whole self to God's call to live in hope? Can you think of some examples head, heart, and hands practices of hope?
- Is hope easy for you, or are you easily discouraged? What danger is there in hope? What danger is there in refusing to hope? Which is the greater danger?
- What might you do this week to engage your mind (*think about*) hope? What would that look like?
- What are you hoping for in regard to the end of the COVID-19 epidemic? How does your abiding purpose in Christ shape that hope?



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