

**PREPARED TO LIVE IN VICTORY:  
PUT YOUR MIND AT THE SERVICE OF YOUR HOPE**

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**1 Pet. 1:10-12**

***“Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, <sup>11</sup> trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.”***

**I. INTRODUCTION**

- A. We have seen how Christians are now obtaining, to a certain extent, the results of our faith, the salvation of our souls (**v.9**). By the mercy of God we experienced the new birth that produces a living hope that surpasses the trials in this life. We saw that by the work of God in our hearts we can remain with an indescribable joy in the midst of anguish and experience love for Jesus, trust because we have an indestructible inheritance and we are being kept by God Himself to obtain it.

**II. THE GLORY OF OUR SALVATION**

- A. Regarding this salvation, the Old Testament prophets who announced about grace felt an intense interest and desire to see in advance the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would come after them. These prophets wanted so badly to know if they were going to be included; if it was going to be soon or much later, why would the Messiah suffer? what was this going to mean and what would be the glories they would produce? **and in that context it was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but us**; these glorious things have been announced to us by those who have preached the gospel to us.
- B. **What Peter is saying is meant to intensify our interest and desire; because if they felt so much interest scrutinizing and inquiring then we must have that same intense desire because all that revelation is for us. We are heirs to all the hopes of the Old Testament.**
- C. **All this message that you have heard is what the prophets longed for and you are the beneficiary of all this.** Peter adds that even the thousands of angels who have never sinned or need salvation long to peer down from heaven to see these things; so eager to see it. **So the point of these verses is to make this grace so intensely interesting that**

we will put all our hope in that grace. This is to say that there is a grace that is going to be ours, that is why he exhorts us in the following verse...

v.13 *"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."*

- A. Because of all this that Peter has spoken put all your hope in this grace that will be brought in the revelation of Jesus Christ. **Prepare your mind to take action and be sober.** Our mind can be affected by the shocks of the present world and not be sober.
- B. Peter says: **have all your hope in the grace that comes at the revelation of Jesus Christ.** Brothers, glorious grace comes to us, that is why our mind must act to take into account all the reasons that it gives us to have hope. In this letter the Holy Spirit through Peter just these few verses has given us reasons why your hope must be completely in Christ:
  - 1. God is a God of great mercy and that is why He made you be born again
  - 2. God gave you a living hope when He raised Jesus from the dead
  - 3. God gave you an inheritance that is indestructible and undefiled and God is keeping it for you and is also keeping you to receive it.
  - 4. The manifestation of your salvation comes when Jesus returns
  - 5. Meanwhile, every necessary test you go through in your life is being governed by a sovereign God so that the genuineness of your faith brings praise, glory and honor when Jesus is manifested..
- C. **Then you will be prepared because you are full of hope in these dark days.** Peter could have said directly: therefore put all your hope in grace but he adds: **"prepare your mind to take action"** so he means think energetically and clearly. **If your mind is not ready for action it becomes lazy.** So let us use our minds to hope fully on this grace that will be brought to us. This we are doing as we consider these verses during these weeks. **We are activating our minds in an energetic way to feed our hope with the truth of the promises that are in the previous verses.**
- D. **What does this imply in terms of our emotional capacity?** Hope is an emotion; so we put our mind into action for the purpose of serving our hope. **We are taught here that the mind serves the heart, the affections, the emotions. Biblically thinking serves passionate hope.** Put your mind at the service of your hope; put your thought at the service of your feelings.
- E. On that day when Jesus is revealed, with your faith refined through many trials you will experience praise, glory and honor from Him when

He, so put all your hope in this grace. **If you are being embarrassed don't worry because there you will receive honor, glory and praise. If you are suffering right now don't be afraid, you will be fully restored on that day.** So when you prepare your mind to take action and you are sober.

- F. **Hope is not a thought, it is a passion for the future and a confidence to support it and that happens in the heart.** Here the question is how to obey a commandment to feel something? It's not like you can turn your feelings on and off like a simple switch. **What you do is use your mind with the firewood of truth with an effort and mental clarity to feed the fire of hope in your heart.**

### III. IT'S TIME TO CONTINUE FIGHTING IGNORANCE

**v.14-15 "As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup> for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."**

- A. Now, in Christ we are already obedient children and we do not conform to the passions that we used to have when we lived in ignorance.

**v.2 "who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father... to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood..."**

- B. Before experiencing salvation we had ignorance in which our passions grew that made us conform to the behavior we had.

**Eph. 4:22 "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;"**

- C. **Those desires deceive us because they are based on ignorance and not on truth.** That ignorance was not passive, rather it produced the behavior that we had before which ruined our lives, so the remedy is to prepare our minds to take action. **With your mind clear and focused on the truth you remedy this ignorance; filling your mind with all these reasons to totally hope in that glorious grace that awaits us when Jesus returns.**

- D. **This knowledge is producing new passions and new behavior, so you can be Holy in all your way of life.** We have to know what it means to be holy. Holiness is God being and acting according to His infinite worth. He is infinitely pure and transcendent and glorious and all His actions are in accordance with His infinite value, so we must be saints showing by our actions the infinite value of God, that is, value what Jesus will bring more than you value the things you had; before you valued money or maybe good things, family, food or your job, those were your highest values but now God is your highest value and everything revolves around Him.

- E. **Then holiness is what conforms to that supreme value of God. When the mind is sober, it throws that fire into the heart and new passions are produced that lead to new behaviors which are carried out in the body. In this way the mind serves the heart correctly, which makes room to a new external or visible behavior.**

**Col. 1:10 "so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God."**

#### **IV. REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Why should we prepare our mind to take action and what does it produce?**
- 2. According to these verses, how can the emotion of hope be produced in our hearts?**
- 3. According to this text, what are the consequences of having ignorance?**

#### **THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- UPCOMING INNER HEALTH RETREATS:**
  - WOMEN: March 18-19** (Please register at the Bookstore)
  - MEN April 29-30** (You can register at the Bookstore or online)
- CODEPENDENCE COURSE: March 11 to April 1** (Online Registration)
- YOUTH SERVICE: This Wednesday at 7:00PM**
- CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION CLASSES: Beginning March 30 at 7:00 p.m.**  
(Please register at the Information Booth).