

## Living Obediently in Hope (1 Peter 1:13-17)

- Peter directed his readers to consider the firm foundation of their salvation
- All of prophecy proclaimed the glorious hope Messiah would bring to His people
- Prophecy testified that Christ would have to suffer before entering His glory
- Suffering, therefore, was the path of Christ & thus the path of His people to glory
- The imperative of Christians always begins with “therefore”
- Peter first celebrates the wonders of God’s salvation in Christ Jesus
- Indicative of what God has done in us precedes the imperative: what we are to do

### I. Hope is Ready (v13)

- “*Set your hope full*” – clear cut decisive action. Heightened by the adverb “fully”
- “*Preparing your mind for action*” literally gird up the loins of your mind.
  - Lk 12:35, 36
- Sobriety, both literal & figurative, marks the Christian lifestyle (4:7; 5:8)

### II. Hope is Holy (vs. 14-21)

#### a) The Holiness of Children of the Father (1:14-17)

(14) “*As obedient children*” idiom describing those characterized by obedience, as though obedience was their parent

- Reverent submission to God furnishes the key to Peter’s exhortations in this letter  
*Do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance”*
- We cannot continue to follow the lusts we lived in the ignorance of our Father  
(15,16) *but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.*
- It flows from the heart; its key is love. To be holy is to love the Lord our God with all our soul, strength & mind, & to love our neighbor as ourselves  
(17) And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,
- Holiness of the Lamb without blemish (19) holiness of the Father seen in the Son
- The new Israel in exile has not been banished from the house of God.
- We live in reverent fear of our heavenly Father