

Responding to Grace

1 Peter 1:13-19

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1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, **preparing your minds for action**, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Preparing minds for action (anazōnnymi): be ready to learn, prepare for action, formally, **gird (bind) the loins of the mind**, culturally equal to “roll up your sleeves for mental action.”

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Being sober minded (nēphō): to be in control of one’s thought processes and thus not be in danger of irrational thinking—‘to be sober-minded, to be well composed in mind.’

1 Peter 4:7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and **sober-minded** for the sake of your prayers.

To be sober is to be realistic.

Clowney, Edmund P. 1988. [The Message of 1 Peter: The Way of the Cross](#). The Bible Speaks Today. Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

All gospel truths center in Christ: so that to learn truth, is to learn Christ. – Thomas Boston

Colossians 2:17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance (**reality**) belongs to Christ.

1 Peter 5:8 Be **sober-minded**; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 Thessalonians 5:6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and **be sober**.

2 Timothy 4:5 As for you, **always be sober-minded**, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Ephesians 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but **be filled with the Spirit**,

Luke 12:35–40 “Stay **dressed for action** and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds **awake** when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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Set your hope (elpizō): to look forward with confidence to that which is good and beneficial—‘to hope, to hope for, hope.’

Fully (teleiōs): completely, fully , perfectly

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Grace (charis): favor; the absolutely free expression of the loving kindness of God to men finding its only motive in the bounty and benevolence of the Giver; unearned and unmerited favor.

Ephesians 2:8–9 For **by grace you have been saved** through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace **that will be brought** to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

That will be brought (pherō): to cause to continue by sustaining or maintaining a state—‘to sustain, to maintain.’

God has been faithful in the past, is being faithful in the present, and will be faithful to all His promises for the future.

MacArthur, John F., Jr. 2004. [1 Peter](#). MacArthur New Testament Commentary. Chicago: Moody Publishers.

1 Peter 1:3–5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, **kept** in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God’s power are being **guarded** through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at **the revelation of Jesus Christ**.

The revelation (apokalypsis): uncovering; unveiling, disclosure

1 Peter 1:7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at **the revelation of Jesus Christ**.

Misplaced hope is worthless, but well-founded hope is potent.

Doriani, Daniel M. 2014. [1 Peter](#). Edited by Richard D. Phillips, Philip Graham Ryken, and Daniel M. Doriani. Reformed Expository Commentary. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing.

*In regard to our Savior*

You are new creation

1 Peter 1:14–17 As obedient children, **do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance**, <sup>15</sup>but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup>since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” <sup>17</sup>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,

Be conformed (sychēmatizō): shape one's behavior; be conformed to a pattern or mold.

Passions (epithymia): deep desires

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Romans 12:2 Do not be **conformed** to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

God is Holy so I must be holy

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Hebrews 12:14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Hebrews 4:12–13 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him **to whom we must give account.**

God judges impartially

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Impartially (aprosōpolēmtōs): pertaining to behaving in an unprejudiced manner, unbiased.

What we say

Matthew 12:36–37 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, <sup>37</sup>for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Everything we do

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Use of our God given gifts

Matthew 25:14–30 “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’