

Intro:

VI. Our Response to Salvation

A. We Must Respond with Hope - vs 13

1. Therefore
 - a. a transitional conjunction
 - b. moves the reader from statement to application
2. rest your hope fully
 - a. **elpizo** - to expect or confide:--(have, thing) hope(-d) (for), trust.
 - i. aorist active imperative
 - a command in military style to a decisive action
 - hope is an obligatory act of the will, not based on emotion
 - in context, they are commanded to live expectantly, anticipating with a living hope their inheritance - 1:3-5
 - ii. the Christian's attitude toward the future - Ac 24:15; Tit 1:2; 2:13; 3:7
 - equivalent to faith - Ro 5:1-2; Ga 5:5; Heb 11:1
 - it is trusting God - 1 Pe 1:21
 - iii. Difference between faith and hope
 - faith is trusting God in the present
 - Ro 1:17; 3:28; 2 Co 5:7; Ga 2:20; 1 Ti 6:12; Jas 1:6
 - appropriates what God has said and done
 - Hope is trusting God for what is to come
 - He 3:6
 - anticipates what He will yet do
 - iv. Both are based on God's character and word
 - b. **teleios** - completely, (of hope) without wavering:--to the end.
 - i. hope can't be half-hearted or indecisive - 1 Jo 3:3
 - ii. Must be w/o doubt in the promises of God
3. upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ
 - a. is to be brought - **pheroenen** -
 - i. present participle - verb plus ing (running)
 - ii. Translated as future b/c Greek grammatical structure indicates absolute certainty of a future event by referring to it as though it is already happening - 1:7; 4:13
 - b. **apokalupsis** - disclosure:--appearing, coming, lighten, manifestation, be revealed, revelation.
 - i. His second coming (remember, has two parts, like His first)
 - ii. The exact phrase opens the book of Revelation
 - iii. Believers are to look expectantly to Christ's return, our gathering, and glorification - Ro 8:23; Php 3:20-21; Col 3:4; 2Ti 4:8
4. two participial phrases that show how to hope fully
 - a. gird up the loins of your mind,
 - i. **anazonnumi** - to gird afresh:--gird up.
 - ii. **dianoia** - deep thought, the faculty (mind or its disposition), its exercise:-- imagination, mind, understanding.
 - b. be sober,
 - i. **nepho** - to abstain from wine (keep sober), be discreet:--be sober, watch.
 - ii. Lit - to not be intoxicated, which is to lose control

c. both placed in the emphatic position

B. We Must Respond in Holiness - vs 14-16

1. as obedient children

a. **hupakoe** - attentive hearkening, compliance or submission:--obedience, (make) obedient, obey(-ing).

b. The pattern that characterizes truly born again believers - Jo 8:31-32; 14:15, 21; 15:10; Ro 6:17; Eph 2:10; 1 Jo 5:2-3

c. disobedience does break the believer's pattern of obedience

i. not conforming yourselves to the former lusts

- **suschematizo** - to fashion alike, conform to the same pattern, conform to, fashion self according to - Ro 12:2

- **epithumia** - a longing (especially for what is forbidden):--concupiscence, desire, lust (after). -the longings that characterize the former life - 1 Co 6:9-11; Gal 5:19-21; Eph 5:3-5; 1 Th 4:4-5; 1 Jo 2:15-17

ii. as in your ignorance - before you were saved and didn't know better

- true of Gentiles - Eph 4:17-19

- and Jews - Ro 10:2-3

2. the Positive Standard of holiness - Mt 5:48

a. as He who called you is holy

b. you also be holy in all your conduct

i. we won't be sinless - Ro 7:14-25; 1 Jo 1:8

ii. But we are equipped with the Word and the Spirit - Eph 2:10

3. not a new standard

a. because it is written - Lev 11:44; 19:2; 20:7; Ex 19:5-6; Deut 7:6-8

b. "Be holy, for I am holy."

i. our relationship with God is the compelling reason to live in holiness

ii. As Israel was called to love and serve God and separate themselves from immorality and uncleanness, so we are called to bear His image and shine as lights - Phil 2:15

C. We Must Respond in Honor - vs 17

1. conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;

a. the command of the verse

b. fear - reverence, awe, and respect

2. if you call on the Father,

a. **epikaleomai** - to entitle; to invoke (for aid, worship, testimony, decision, etc.):--appeal (unto), call (on, upon), surname.

b. implies that believers of all time called God, Father

i. Jesus - "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, - Mt 6:9a

ii. Paul - And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" - Ga 4:6

3. who without partiality judges according to each one's work

a. at the revelation of Jesus Christ, there will be a judgment of all believers - 1 Co 3:10-15; 4:3-5; 2 Co 5:9-10

b. some of that judgment is already happening

i. For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God - 1Pe 4:17a

ii. Heb 12:5-7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons;

iii. When necessary - Church Discipline - Mt 18:15-20

4. Similar Exhortation - 1 Th 2:1-12