

Sermon Notes



Title: "Real Hope Sets the Christian Apart From the World"

Text: 1 Peter 1:3-12

Theme: Whether you feel ecstatic or gloomy, it is your living hope that makes you different. It sets you apart from the world. When the people of God gather in this place, let us be known for the hope that we have because Christ has risen from the dead.

I. The Call to _____ God (3a)

II. The _____ for Praising God (3b-5)

III. Applications

A. Something that sets a Christian apart from the world is our

_____.

B. When a Christian praises the LORD God, it comes from a

_____ of heart and soul that

_____ everything else.

C. Our praise of God is not _____ upon our

_____.

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What is it about verses 3-12 that is similar to some of the Apostle Paul's writing style?
2. Give a quick summary of verses 3-12.
3. After the greeting, how does Peter begin the main portion of his letter (v. 3a)?
4. What does it mean to "bless" God?
5. What does Peter give as the reason for praising God (v. 3b)?
6. What is hope?
7. As Christians, why do we have this hope (v. 3b)?
8. What is the focal point of this hope (v. 3b)?
9. How does Peter further describe this hope (v. 4)?
10. What are the four descriptions of this inheritance (v. 4)?
11. What does Peter say about the believer who awaits this inheritance (v. 5)?
12. What will be unveiled in the last time (v. 5b)?
13. Do unbelievers worship anything? If so what?
14. What is different about how and what a Christian praises from what a non-Christian praises?
15. How can it be said that Christians are set apart from the world by their praise when so much of the worship of God is half-hearted and anemic?
16. How can Christians who are gathered together to worship and praise the LORD as a united body do so when we all have differing feelings, emotions, and personalities?
17. Does what happens to you throughout the week impact your worship and blessing the LORD when you gather for worship? If so, how?
18. Should our circumstances have little of no impact upon our praise?
19. Is it possible to praise the LORD when you are feeling sad or depressed? Was there a time when you came to church after experiencing a huge disappointment? How did it affect your worship of the LORD?
20. How does having hope function in your life?
21. What do you imagine the inheritance you will receive in heaven will look like?
22. Does it seem as though this hope about which Peter speaks is a long way off? If so, how does this hope stay current and alive in your heart?