

Hope Completely

1 Peter 1:13
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Summary: Peter makes it clear that believers have been born again to a living hope through the power of the Lord Jesus and the riches of His grace. Now we come to the first command regarding this hope, namely, that we fix our hope completely upon Him. We do this by getting our minds in gear and guarding that which captures our heart. Is your heart and hence your life completely His? Let's examine this further as we consider the kind of dependence that God intends for us to have upon Him.

1. A. On what exactly are we commanded to fix our hope?
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- B. What is "the grace" which Peter has been talking about?
1 Peter 1:1-12

- C. We have identified faith as that which looks back on what God has done for us, and hope as that which anticipates what God will do, looking forward. Both are convictions based on a faithful God. Considering the way Peter describes the proven faith of his audience, how solid is your faith, and hence your hope compared to theirs?
1 Peter 1:6-8, Romans 8:24-25, Hebrews 11:1-6

2. A. How does the first phrase in 1 Peter 1:13 relate to the command to fix our hope?

- B. The phrase, "*gird your minds for action*" reminds us that how we think determines the way we live. What does it mean for God to transform our thinking by means of truth?
Proverbs 4:23, Luke 12:22-34, Romans 12:1-2

- C. It is our responsibility to step up to the plate and apply ourselves to personal discipline of our thoughts. God redeems us to Himself for a specific purpose; what is the mindset we are to live by accordingly?
Romans 8:29, 2 Corinthians 5:15, 2Cor. 7:1, 1 Peter 2:24

3. A. In what fashion is the phrase, "*keep sober in spirit*" related to the command to fix our hope on God?
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- B. What does keeping sober mean according to the text, and how is it related to developing our dependence upon God alone?
Psalm 1:1-3, Luke 12:35-40, 2 Corinthians 1:8-9, 2 Timothy 2:22, 1 Peter 5:7-9

- C. What are some practical blessings as we keep sober in spirit?
Psalm 66:18 & James 5:16, Proverbs 3:5-10, Proverbs 28:1, 1 Timothy 6:17-19