Hope and Holiness
A Study of 1 Peter

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Key Truth: As the Hopeful People of God, we set our minds on being the Holy People of God.

In this passage, Peter connects hope with holiness by "bookending" his discussion of holiness, with the corresponding truth of hope. Holiness is not a matter of disengaging from the world but of proclaiming to the world the excellencies of Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. We proclaim the gospel in a way that is very distinct from the world. We storm the gates of hell, not to indulge in the passions of hell-bound sinners, but to serve up the gospel to those who are perishing. This requires, not just hopeful thinking but also holy thinking.

DISCUSS

Read **1 Peter 1:13-21** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled **"Hope and Holiness."**

DIG IN

Our hope and holiness are based on right thinking in...
1. **Our Conduct**   (1 Peter 1:13-17)

According to verse 13, in what ways does Peter teach us to adjust our thinking? Why is that important?

In what ways does God's grace enable us to be obedient children (v. 14; see Ezekiel 36:26-27)?

In what ways are our actions oftentimes conformed to the passions of our "former ignorance" (v. 14)?

Describe what it looks like to be holy in our conduct (vv. 15-16)? In what ways might this contribute to our enduring hope?

Why is it important to fear God (v. 17)? What does that look like?

2. **Our Beliefs**   (1 Peter 1:18-21)

In what ways is the blood of Jesus Christ (vv. 18-19) more powerful and valuable than silver or gold?

According to verse 18, what is the result of the ransom we experience?

In what ways must our beliefs be conformed to the resurrection of Jesus Christ (v. 21)?

According to verse 21, what did God do to ensure that we can place our hope in him? In what ways does this give you assurance in a seemingly hopeless world?

DO

In what ways will you personally put what you have learned through this sermon into practice this week?

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