

A sunset scene with a large sun partially obscured by a dark, silhouetted forest in the foreground. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The sun is a bright yellow circle on the right side of the frame. The water in the middle ground reflects the colors of the sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

1 Pet. 1:13

*“Rekindling a Lively Hope
through Salvation, Scripture, and Sanctification”*

1 Pet. 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and **hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**



Review

Our theme this year is...

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

During the last few weeks we have been considering...

“Rekindling a Lively Hope”

We have been observing what the Bible says in *First Peter*. We began with “the question of salvation.” Two weeks ago, we began looking at “the question of Scripture.”

I. THE QUESTION OF SALVATION

A. We Have An Expectant Hope

B. We Have An Experiential Faith, 1:5-7

C. We Have An Expressive Love, 1:8-9

II. THE QUESTION OF SCRIPTURE, 1:9-12

A. As to its Message, 1:9

B. As to its Mystery, 1:10-11

1. What the Prophets Pursued, 1:10a

2. What the Prophets Proclaimed, 1:10b

3. What the Prophets Pondered, 1:11

a. The Times of Which They Prophesied, 1:11a

b. The Truths of Which They Prophesied, 1:11b-c

(1) The Mystery of Christ's Sufferings, 1:11b

(2) The Manifestation of Christ's Splendor, 1:11c

C. As to its Majesty, 1:12

1. The Disappointment of the Prophets, 1:12a
2. The Dispensation of the Churches, 1:12b
3. The Desire of the Angels, 1:12c



This morning we will consider “the question of sanctification.” When believers are knowledgeable of doctrinal issues like salvation, such truth will be an anchor for the soul.

III. THE QUESTION OF SANCTIFICATION

A. The Character of God, 1:13-17

1. His Fatherly Character, 1:13-16

a. Our Responsibility, 1:13

(1) A New Focus, 1:13a “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and **hope to the end...**”

- “Wherefore...” indicates a reference to the preceding verses regarding the challenges of life – “...manifold temptations...the trial of your faith...”
- Knowing that believers will face such challenges, preparation must be made before facing the challenges.
- The focus is an encouragement to “gird up” by facing the reality of the challenge.

Original Word: ἀναζώννυμι

Transliteration: anazónnumi

Usage: I gird up, brace up (with a view to active exertion); a metaphor from the girding of the flowing tunic, to prevent its hampering one in active work.

anazónnymi (from *aná*, "up to down" and *zónnymi*, "gird, take out slack") – properly, raise up a tunic (= "tighten the belt"), "girding oneself"; **(figuratively) getting ready (prepared) to move quickly, i.e. where someone needs to go and arrive at without delay (used only in 1 Pet 1:13).**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/328.htm>

- The focus is “...the loins of your mind...”

Original Word: ὀσφύς

Transliteration: osphus

Definition: the loin

osphýs – properly, the hip (reproductive area); **used figuratively in 1 Pet 1:13 of the "reproductive" (creative) capacity of the *renewed mind* (cf. Ro 12:1-3).**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3751.htm>

- The “loins” refers to the origination, or “reproductive” area of strength – the MIND!

Original Word: διάνοια

Transliteration: dianoia

Definition: the mind, disposition, thought

Usage: understanding, intellect, mind, insight.

diánoia – **properly, movement from one side (of an issue) to the other to reach *balanced*-conclusions; full-orbed reasoning (= critical thinking), i.e. *dialectical* thinking that literally reaches "across to the other side" (of a matter).**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1271.htm>

- The “renewal” of the mind will provide the strength to overcome the demons of doubt that plagues the believer.
- Our adversary is a liar and would impede our spiritual growth by providing such things as worry, fear, jealousy, hate, unforgiveness, impurity, compromise, etc.
- The Greek word for “mind” used here is translated “understanding” in the following:

Eph. 1:18 The eyes of your **understanding** being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

- “The eyes of your understanding” is for the purpose of “knowing” (“οἶδα”) three things:
 - “...what is the hope of his calling, and...” = **assurance of redemption**
 - “...what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,” = **aspiration of rewards**
 - 1:19 “And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,” = **acknowledgement of relationship**

Eph. 4:18 Having **the understanding** darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

- The darkened understanding is a warning to those who reject the truth of the Word of God.

Col. 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* **mind** by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

- The “mind” is the source of alienation from God and is accompanied by an unbelievers’ “wicked works,” but can be reconciled unto God.

Prov. 9:10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and **the knowledge of the holy is understanding.**

- Believers are to “gird up the loins of your mind” by first, being “sober.”

Original Word: νήφω

Transliteration: néphó

Definition: to be sober, to abstain from wine

Usage: (lit: I am sober), I am calm (vigilant), circumspect.

néphō – properly, to be sober (not drunk), not intoxicated; (figuratively) free from illusion, i.e. from the intoxicating influences of sin (like the impact of selfish passion, greed, etc.).

néphō ("be sober, unintoxicated") refers to having *presence of mind* (clear judgment), enabling someone to be *temperate* (self-controlled). *néphō* ("uninfluenced by intoxicants") means to have "one's wits (faculties) about them," which is the opposite of being *irrational*.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3525.htm>

- Such sober mindedness is to be calm and collected in spirit, to be temperate, dispassionate, and circumspect.

1 Pet. 4:7b “...**watch** unto prayer.”

1 Pet. 5:8 **Be sober**, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

- Believers are to “gird up the loins of your mind” by next, having “hope.”
- The result of such focus is “...and **hope to the end...**”

Original Word: ἐλπίζω

Part of Speech: Verb – **imperative**

Transliteration: elpizó

Definition: to expect, to hope (for)

Usage: I hope, hope for, expect, trust.

elpízō (from *elpís*, "hope") – to *hope, actively waiting* for God's fulfillment about the faith He has inbirthed through the power of *His love* (cf. Gal 5:6 with Heb 11:1).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1679.htm>

Original Word: τελείως

Transliteration: teleiós

Usage: perfectly, completely, without wavering.

teleiōs (an adverb) – properly, to-the-end, completely.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5049.htm>

- This “hope to the end” is that which is complete, a perfect hope, wanting nothing, being in its character an assured expectation.

(2) A New Future, 1:13b “...**for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**”

- If you are going through tough times, get a grip, remember you are a child of the King, and the best is yet to come!

Conclusion

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service.*

2 And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.