

A sunset scene with a large, bright sun partially obscured by a dark, silhouetted hillside in the foreground. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The water in the middle ground reflects the colors of the sky. The overall mood is serene and hopeful.

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

1 Pet. 1:13-16

*“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;**

14 As **obedient children**, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, **so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;**

16 Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

Review

Our theme this year is...

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

Before the COVID challenge, we had been considering...

“Rekindling a Lively Hope”

We considered what the Bible says in *First Peter*. We began with “the question of salvation.” Next, we began looking at “the question of Scripture.”

I. THE QUESTION OF SALVATION, 1:5-8

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

C. As to its Majesty, 1:12

After considering the questions of SALVATION and SCRIPTURE, we began looking at the importance of SANCTIFICATION:

III. THE QUESTION OF SANCTIFICATION, 1:13-16

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...**”

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

This morning we will again consider “the question of sanctification.” After salvation, the next focus for the growth of a believer is in the realm of sanctification. When believers are growing knowledgeable of doctrinal issues like salvation, the truth of sanctification will be an anchor for the soul.

b. Our Relationship, 1:14-16

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;**

❖ We “gird up the loins” of our minds by preparing ourselves for challenges in several ways:

(1) By being sober –

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>

(2) By hoping until the end –

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

...and by following the pattern given to us this in our Scriptural text this morning.

(a) Our Relationship Stated, 1:14a “As obedient children...”

Original Word: ὑπακοή

Transliteration: hupakoé

Definition: obedience

Usage: obedience, submissiveness, compliance.

hupakoé (from *akoúō*, "to hear" and *hypó*, "beneath")

– i.e. *obedience* – **literally, "submission to what**

is heard" (WS, 695), i.e. obedience as the response to

someone speaking. <https://biblehub.com/greek/5218.htm>

2 Cor. 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

- Believers must develop mental discipline to discern and control their “thought-life.”

1 Pet. 1:22 Seeing **ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren**, *see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

- Spiritual discipline includes obedience to the truth of the Scripture via the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rom. 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, **for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:**

- The focus of the believer, including the purpose of missions, is obedience of the faith.

Rom. 16:26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, **made known to all nations for the obedience. of faith:**

(b) Our Relationship Studied, 1:14b

i. We Are to Crucify our Old Lusts,
1:14b-c

* A Warning Against Indulgence, 1:14b
“...not fashioning yourselves
according to the former lusts...”

- The discipline of a believer must include separation from worldliness

Original Word: συσχηματίζω

Transliteration: suschématizó

Definition: to conform to

sysxēmatízō (from *sýn*, "identified *with*" and *sxēmatizō*, "having *outward* shape") – **properly, assuming a similar *outward* form (expression) by following the same *pattern* (model, mold).** <https://biblehub.com/greek/4964.htm>

Rom. 12:2 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.

- The “outward molding” of a believer has two main parts:
 - Do not let the world mold you.
 - Be “molded” to be like the Lord Jesus Christ!
- A believer’s “grand objective” is to be conformed to the image of Christ.

Rom. 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Original Word: σύμμορφος

Transliteration: summorphos

Definition: to conform to

Usage: similar, conformed to.

sýmmorphos – **properly, conformed, by sharing the same inner essence-identity (form); showing similar behavior from having the same essential nature.**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4832.htm>

Phil. 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be **fashioned like unto his glorious body**, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

*A Warning Against Ignorance,
1:14c "...the former lusts in your
ignorance:"

- A believer following the world's influence is considered to be spiritually ignorant.
- The "former lusts" as a lost person is not an excuse for a believer to be worldly.

Acts 17:30 And **the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:**

- Spiritual ignorance is the typical description of someone lost, with blindness of heart.

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:**

ii. We are to Cultivate our New Life,
1:15-16

*The New Testament Call to be
Holy, 1:15

1 Pet. 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, **so
be ye holy in all manner of conversation;**

- “But” indicates an emphasis on a different perspective.

Original Word: ἀλλά

Transliteration: alla

Definition: otherwise, on the other hand, but

Usage: but, except, however.

allá (typically a strong adversative conjunction) – *but (but instead), nevertheless, on the contrary* - literally means "*otherwise*" or "*on the other hand*" (*Abbott-Smith*). <https://biblehub.com/greek/235.htm>

- On the other hand, God expects, and demands, a unique lifestyle for His children!
- God is holy and expects His children to be holy in “all manner of conversation;”

Original Word: ἀναστροφή

Transliteration: anastrophé

Definition: behavior, conduct

Usage: dealing with other men, conduct, life, behavior, manner of life.

anastrophé (from *aná*, "down to up" and *stréphō*, "turn") – properly, *up*-turning; (figuratively) **change of outward behavior from an "up-turn" of inner beliefs** (presuppositions, etc.). <https://biblehub.com/greek/391.htm>

- God expects His children to be like Him continually, 24/7.

*The Old Testament Call to be Holy,
1:16

1 Pet. 1:16 Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

- God has not changed, but believers have been.

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

- The Lord Jesus Christ established the model in which believers are to be conformed.
- He is our standard for the focus of our lives.

Conclusion

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;**

- For us to “...gird up the loins...” of our mind, our focus must be a serious commitment to discipline our thought life, and obedience to abstain from the influence of the world.

❖ Consider your routine:

- Do you miss church but attend concerts and casinos?
- Do you never miss work and stay focused on your career, but have little time for commitment to a Sunday school class, activity, Bible reading, or church attendance?
- Are you more concerned about worldly fashions than simple modesty?
- Do you focus upon worldly music or Christian music?

- What role does prayer have in your daily life?
- Have you read through the Bible?
- Do you often witness for the Lord Jesus Christ?
- Is Christ your life? How often do you “think” about Him?

Col. 3:3 For ye are dead, and **your life is hid with Christ in God.**

4 When **Christ, who is our life**, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.