

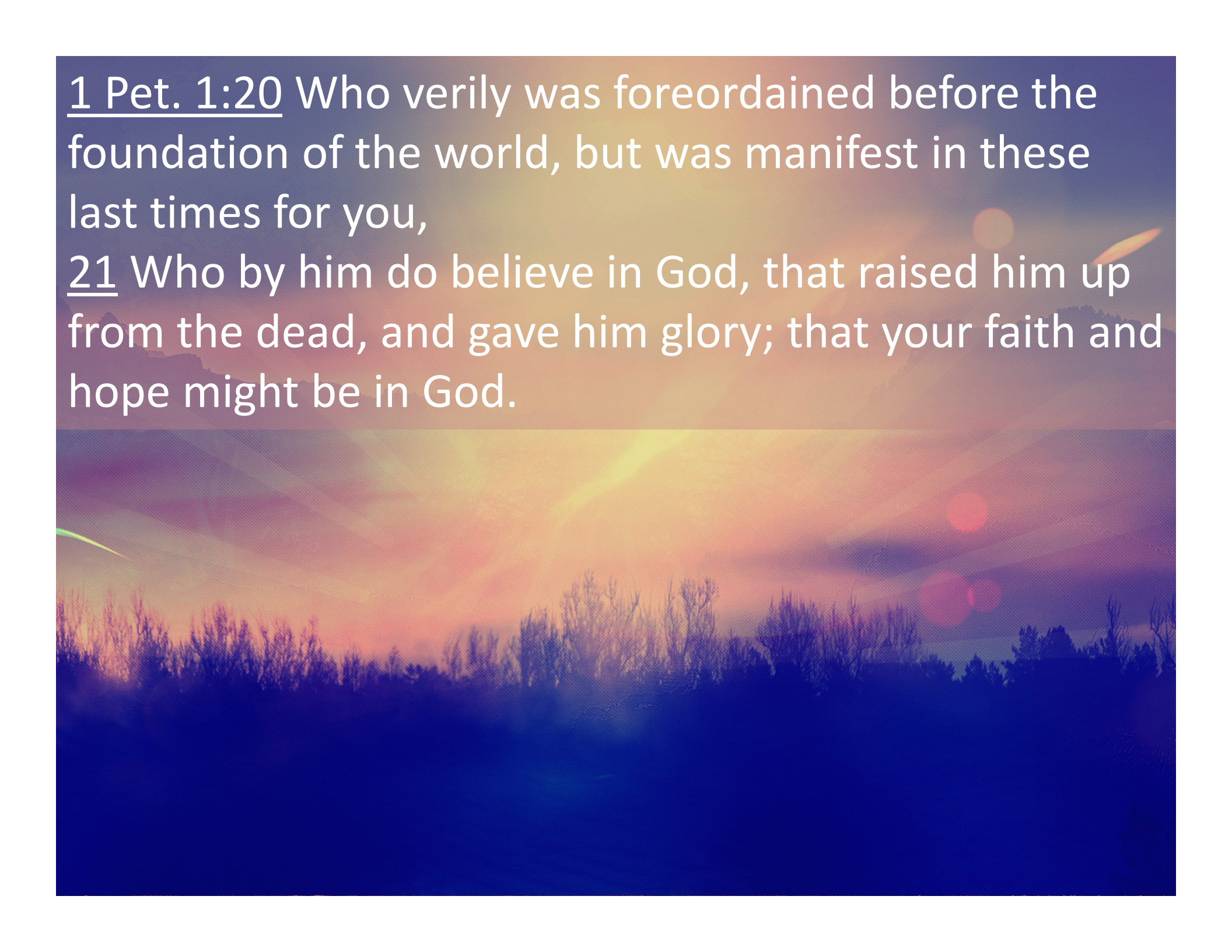
A sunset scene with a large sun partially obscured by a dark, semi-transparent horizontal band. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. Below the band, a body of water reflects the sunset colors, with a dark forest in the foreground.

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

1 Pet. 1:20-21

*“Rekindling an understanding of God’s plan and purpose of redemption.”*





1 Pet. 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,  
21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.





Review

Our theme this year is...

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

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

*“Rekindling a Lively Hope”*





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



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

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

B. The Cross of Christ, 1:18-21

1. The Price of Redemption, 1:18-19

a. An Insufficient Offer, 1:18

(1) An Inadequate Medium of Exchange,  
1:18a

(2) An Inadequate Means of Escape, 1:18b

b. An Infinite Offer, 1:19

(1) Its Inestimable Value, 1:19a

(2) Its Inexpressible Virtue, 1:19b



Last week we considered the how precious the cost of redemption was – not with corruptible silver and gold, but by the precious blood of the lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ. This morning we will rekindle an understanding of eternal truth of God’s plan and purpose of redemption.

*“Rekindling an understanding of God’s plan and purpose of redemption.”*

## 2. The Plan of Redemption, 1:20-21

- a. As to the Past Purpose of God, 1:20a “Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world...”



- The Fall did not take God by surprise. He is omniscient.
- He already knew what He would do in view of it, and Who would do it (The Lord Jesus Christ ... “..was foreordained before the foundation of the world...”).

**Original Word:** προγινώσκω

**Transliteration:** proginóskó

**Usage:** I know beforehand, foreknow.

*proginóskō* (from *pró*, "before" and *ginóskō*, "to know") – **properly, foreknow; used in the NT of "God pre-knowing all choices – and doing so without pre-determining (requiring) them"** (G. Archer).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4267.htm>



- The “foreknowledge” of God included the “book of life” and whose names are, and are not, in it.

Rev. 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

- God’s foreknowledge included a plan for those whom He knew would be saved: God’s plan included that believers “...should be holy and without blame before him in love:”

Eph. 1:4 According as **he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:**



- God's foreknowledge included that believers would "...*be* conformed to the image of his Son..." – resembling the Lord Jesus 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.

- God's plan was "...before the foundation of the world..."



**Original Word:** καταβολή

**Transliteration:** katabolé

**Definition:** a laying down

**Usage:** (a) foundation, (b) depositing, sowing, deposit, technically used of the act of conception.

*katabolé* (from *katá*, "exactly according to," down from the most general to the most specific detail, "following all the way along," and *bállō*, "to cast") – **properly, a foundation, cast according to a blueprint (original design);**

the *substructure* which determines the entire direction (destination) of all that follows; **the foundation-plan, upon which the entire super-structure is built;** (figuratively) the *beginning (founding)* that purposefully designs all that follows. <https://biblehub.com/greek/2602.htm>



- In the mind of God, before Creation, He knew Adam would sin, ruin mankind, and that man's dilemma would be resolved by the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - b. As to the Present Period of Grace, 1:20b-21
    - (1) What We Believe, 1:20b-21a "...but was manifest in these last times for you, 21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory..."



- The manifestation of GOD'S GREAT PLAN OF MANKIND'S REDEMPTION is a wonderful privilege for us to behold!

1 Jn. 3:1 **Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:** therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

**Original Word:** φανερώω

**Transliteration:** phaneroó

**Definition:** to make visible, make clear

**Usage:** I make clear (visible, manifest), make known.

*phaneróō* (from *phōs*, "light") – **properly, illumine, make *manifest*(*visible*); (figuratively) make plain, in *open view*; to become apparent ("graspable").**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5319.htm>

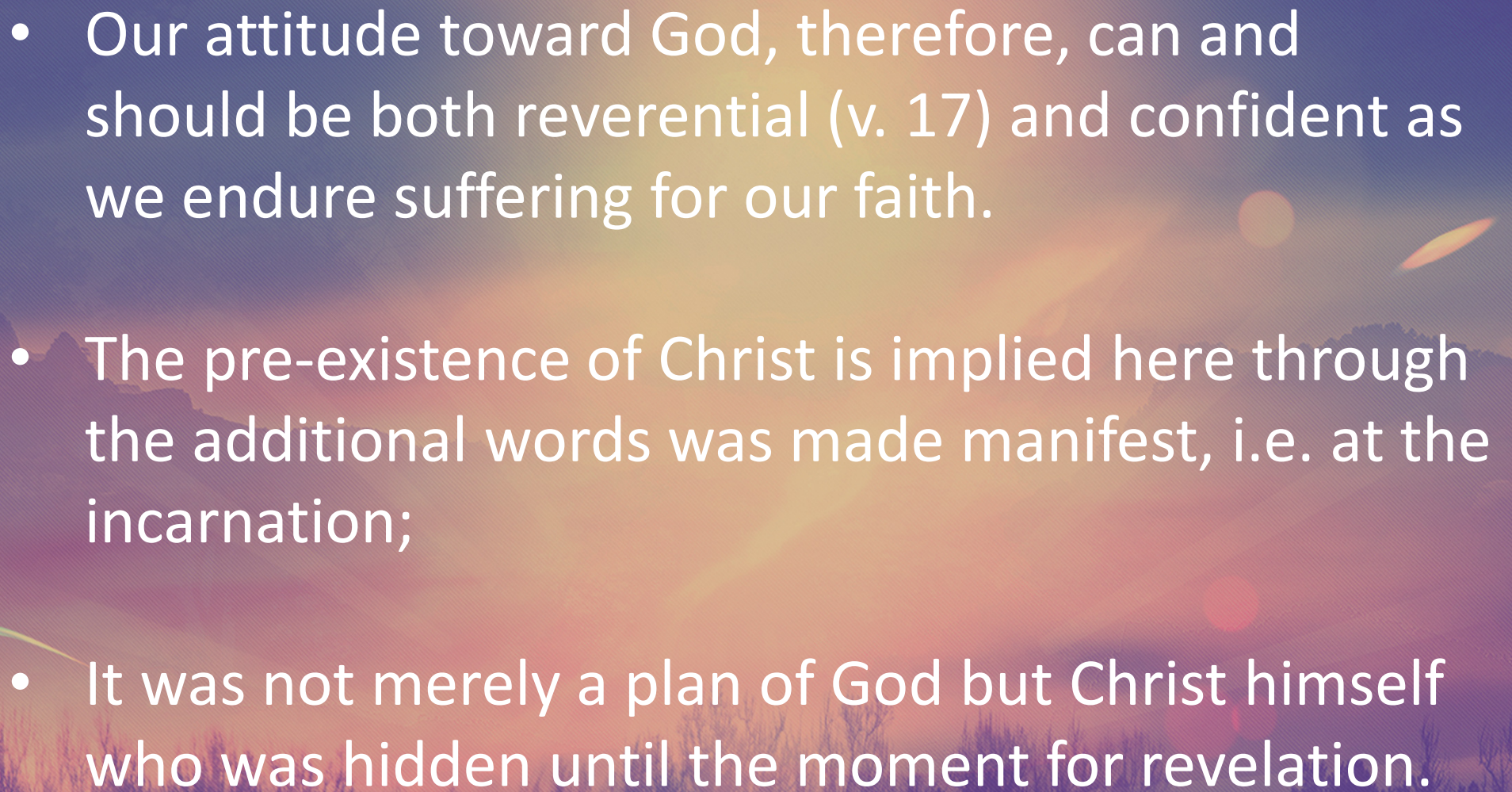


- Believers have assurance of God's plan, purpose, and power of salvation.

2 Tim. 1:7 For **God hath not given us the spirit of fear**; but of **power**, and of **love**, and of a **sound mind**.

- We have two good reasons why we can come to God:
  - what Christ did for us ("redeemed" us),
  - what God did for Christ ("raised Him" and "gave Him glory") for what Christ did for us.



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- Our attitude toward God, therefore, can and should be both reverential (v. 17) and confident as we endure suffering for our faith.
  - The pre-existence of Christ is implied here through the additional words was made manifest, i.e. at the incarnation;
  - It was not merely a plan of God but Christ himself who was hidden until the moment for revelation.



Col 1:26 *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

27 To whom God would make known what is **the riches of the glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory:**

1 Tim. 3:16 And without controversy **great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh,** justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.



## (2) Why We Believe, 1:21b “...that your faith and hope might be in God.”

- Believers are not to put their faith in faith.
- Believers are not to put their faith in themselves.
- Believers are not to put their faith in a religious system of works.
- Believers are to put their faith in God, and the work of Jesus Christ in His Incarnation, death, burial, and resurrection.



**Original Word:** ἐλπίς

**Transliteration:** elpis

**Definition:** expectation, hope

**Usage:** hope, expectation, trust, confidence.

*elpís* (from *elpō*, "to anticipate, welcome") – **properly, expectation of what is sure (certain); hope.**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1680.htm>

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that **we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

13 Now **the God of hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, **that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.**



1 Pet. 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath **begotten us again unto a lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

### Summary

These verses contains five reasons for reverence to the Lord:

- 1) Sinners may call upon the Lord, and know Him as “Father.”
- 2) As a “sojourner” in this world, life is lived in the shadow of eternity, with an understanding of the importance of temporal decisions in light of eternity.



(3) The believer goes to God, knows Him as Father, but realizes He is the Judge who is impartial, and there is a day of “reckoning” with gain or loss of rewards dependent upon the quality of love exhibited toward the Savior.

(4) The believer must live a life of reverence as a respect to its value, that the Lord Jesus Christ left heaven, endured the cross, and was resurrected for mankind.

(5) The believer cannot squander a life that was ransomed at so great a price, the death of the Son of God. There is an incalculable obligation upon a man whose life cost so much.

1 Cor. 6:20 **For ye are bought with a price:** therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

(1 Cor. 7:23)



## Conclusion

1 Pet. 3:15 But **sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:** an *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a **reason of the hope that is in you** with meekness and fear:

1 Jn. 3:3 And every man **that hath this hope in him** purifieth himself, even as he is pure.



- Believers put their hope in the Lord Jesus Christ (Jn. 14:6), Who He is and all that He has done to purchase our redemption. Because He has changed us, (2 Cor. 5:17), we are to live a life that reflects Him in all that we do.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**

13 **Looking for that blessed hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 **Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**