

## PERFECT HOPE, 1 Peter 1:13-21

1:3-4. Hope related to living X. Needed when suffering and when comfortable. Future perspective. v.13 Fully ripe hope, perfect. Based on (epi) all grace involved in coming of X. Faith looks upward, hope, forward. Faith accepts, hope expects. Faith appropriates, hope, anticipates.

### I. Conditions for having perfect hope, 13.

1. Gird, 13. Tie up loose ends like robe. Pull yourself together in mind. How you think about present in light of future, about life goals, about money, about friendships.

2. Abstain. Be abstemious. No drunkenness figuratively. Sober. In total control of self by HS, Eph. 5:18.

### II. Consequences of having perfect hope, 14-21.

1. Holiness, 14-16. How narrow?--Means obedience, and not being conformed to lusts (longings) in former, unsaved life (Rom 12:2--unfashionable, not sun, with, scheme of world because schema passes away, 1 Cor 7:31), 14 How wide is it?-- looking outward to all conduct, 15. Back and forth, goings on of life. How high holy is our holiness to be?--as God's nature is. Become (ginomai). Never fully attain in this life.

#### 2. Fearfulness, 17-21. Conduct=v.17. In fear.

NT words for fear. (1) Cowardliness (5x). Something that belongs to old nature, Rev. 21:8 and can carry over esp in witnessing, 2 Tim. 1:7. Cure: faith, Matt 8:26

(2) Reverence (7x). Hold precious. Heb 12:28 serve with reverence and godly fear.

(3) Phobia. Continued state resulting from having been struck with who God is. Awe. 2:17. Affects relationships with rulers, others, workplace, rewards, etc.

Why be holy? Bec He is and I am in His family, v.14.

Why be in fear? Bec He will some day judge our work (sing.=whole life), v. 17.

Some fears we do not need to have. Same word in Heb. 2:15 thru fear of death held in bondage.

Heb. 10:31 fear of falling into hands of living God for His condemnation. Redeemed with blood of X, v. 19. I believe, v. 21. And have hope in God. Begins and ends with hope tied to living Lord.