

In Paul's last words, one truth rises to the fore: The <u>worth</u> of the Word.

#### I. Preach the Word. (3:16 - 4:5)

A. It effectively sanctifies us.

1. <u>In</u> us first. (3:16-17)

2. Then <u>through</u> us. (4:1-2)

B. People's response to the Word can't determine your practice. (4:3-5)

## II. Pour <u>your life</u> out. (4:6-8)

## III. Practice Presence. (4:9-22)

How does this apply to me?	



#### INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

#### **BORN TO HOPE**

## **PASSAGE OVERVIEW:**

Peter writes to believers in northern Asia Minor, which is Turkey today. He writes from Rome (5:13), which he refers to as Babylon. Pressures and periodic outbreaks of persecution against Christians are increasing. These are probably not empire-wide, but more localized. Most of the Christians in Asia Minor would have had a Gentile background, but there were certainly some who were of Jewish extraction as well. Whether Jew or Gentile, they were dispersed across the land and needed hope.

#### **PASSAGE OVERVIEW:**

The salvation we have in Jesus is the basis for a living hope. This salvation was prepared for God's people in the loving providence of God before they were ever born. Provided through the cleansing blood of Jesus, it sets into motion a sanctifying work by His Spirit. Tested through trials, this hope fills God's children with inexpressible joy.

The wonder of salvation is that it originates in the counsels and will of God in eternity past. It was made effective through grace by the work of Jesus. In the present we are born again in Him, being sanctified by His Spirit. And we anticipate with great joy the day when our salvation will be complete, as we stand forgiven and perfected before Him in glory.

Is your life in Christ characterized by indominable hope?

# **READING FOR NEXT WEEK:**

1 Peter 1:1-12

