



INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

HOPE PURSUES HOLINESS

PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

Our salvation, planned in the eternal purposes of God and paid for through the precious and costly blood of Jesus, fills us with hope. And this hope, grounded in the grace of God in Jesus, propels us to live holy lives. Our Father is holy. Jesus laid down His holy life for us. We now respond with a passion for progress in holiness.

Our faith and hope are in God and His grace. We seek holiness because He is holy, not because we think we can earn salvation or His favor. While we desperately depend upon His grace and forgiveness in Jesus, we passionately desire to proclaim His excellencies. To do this, our lives must be conformed to His image.

Importantly, while living a holy life is a very personal passion for each believer, it requires life in community with other believers. We serve Him together, for He has called us to himself as individuals that He has formed into a people, His people. We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession. Our western individualism bows to the wonder of belonging to Christ as part of His people. Found in Jesus, we find that we belong together as well.

READING FOR NEXT WEEK:

1 Peter 1:13 – 2:12

Peter is writing to “elect exiles”. (1)

Why elect? (2)

If elect, why exiles?

Elect exiles thrive because they hope.

I. Hope in Heaven (3-5)

- A. A living hope.
- B. He promises us a perfectly preserved inheritance.
- C. He gives and guards our faith. (5)

II. Hope in Hard Times (6-7)

- A. Refining fires.
- B. Tested faith.

III. Hope in Here and Now (8-9; cf Heb 11:1)

- A. Certain of things not seen.
- B. Assurance of things hoped for.

How does this apply to me?



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