

## **The Hope That is in You – 1 Peter**

### **Lesson 2**

#### **Our Response to Grace**

In 1 Peter 1:3-12, Peter had told his audience that through the grace and mercy of God, they have been born spiritually, and had received an eternal inheritance reserved in heaven for them. In their present earthly life they experienced various trials that were serving to prove the reality of their faith and would result in praise and glory when they went to be with Jesus. Now in 1 Peter 1:13-25, Peter gives the expected application of God's grace in our lives.

1. What are the commands of 1 Peter 1:13? What do you think the phrases mean: gird your minds, keep sober, fix your hope?
2. What is the before and after comparison of verse 14?
3. What is the standard that God expects from us (1 Peter 1:15-16)?
4. What do you think he meant by "conduct yourselves in fear" in v. 17? (2 Cor 7:1, Heb 12:28, Deut 10:12, Matt 10:28, Heb 12:28)
5. What price was paid to redeem us who believe (1 Peter 1:18-19)? What was the prophecy of Isaiah 53:5-6 that foretold of this sacrifice?

6. What do you think the “futile way of life inherited from your forefathers” is in 1 Peter 1:18? Ephesians 4:17-19
  
7. Reading 1 Peter 1:20-21, who are the beneficiaries of God’s plan of redemption which was laid out before the creation of the world?
  
8. 1 Peter 1:22 talks about our response to “the truth”. Like all worldly people, what did Pontius Pilate say about the truth in John 18:37-38? Biblically, what is the truth (John 17:17, Ephesians 1:13)?
  
9. If, or since we are living in obedience to the truth, what will our relationships be characterized by? (1 Peter 1:22)
  
10. Notice the contrast in 1 Peter 1:23-25 between the perishable and the imperishable. In these verses, what is the perishable and imperishable? What impact has the imperishable Word of God had on our perishable flesh (Titus 3:5, 2 Cor 5:17)?