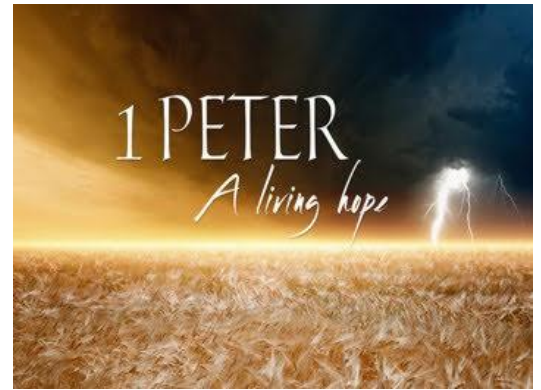


Living Hope 1 Peter Series

Reading- 1 Peter 1.13-2.3 Be Holy



Focus In

The Therefore at the beginning of these verses is very important. Peter has told us of what God has done for us in Christ. In particular He has given to us a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Therefore begins to describe what differences it should make to our everyday lives.

Notice the different encouragements through the verses to live a distinctive Christian life. Our minds are to be alert, our hope is to be firm. We are to be God's obedient children, living holy lives. We are to be reverent of the Father, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, we are to live with faith and hope. In our minds clear about the truth, in our lives more like Jesus than anything this World can offer and in our hearts full of love for others.

Discussion Starters

.What do you think the 'Therefore' is referring to most? Why is it so significant?

.Looking at the many calls to live a different kind of life what strikes you most as vital for you today?

.Why do you think Christian holiness has got a bad image in contemporary society? How can we show that it's not being holier than thou?

.In the first few verses of ch 2 we are told to put off from our lives various unrighteous things. What strikes you most about this challenge to grow in Christlikeness ? Do you see yourself growing or just going up and down?

Prayer time

Please pray for one another and for needs known to you. Pray also about our nurture of young people and young Christians, that together we might grow in Christlikeness.