

## **“Hopeful People & Holy Living”** **1 Peter 1:10-16**

1. For believers, our living hope in Christ comes not only from the promise of our future inheritance reserved for us in Heaven (that we saw in verses 3-9), but our living hope also comes from a faith in God’s written Word.

Our faith in Christ is not based on our feelings or on the writings of men but on the inspired truth of the Word of God.

Read 2 Timothy 3:15-17. What do these verses tell us about the value of God’s Word?

Discuss the importance of the Bible in your own spiritual life?

2. In verse 10, Peter speaks of the prophets of the Old Testament who prophesied of Messiah. They understood that they were not writing for themselves (v. 12) but for those who would hear the Gospel later and then follow after Jesus. The Spirit of Christ (v. 11) within them predicted the sufferings of Messiah and the glories to follow.

Why is the reality of the gospel and the Christian’s living hope in Christ held in awe and wonder by the angels (v. 12)?

3. Those chosen for new birth in Christ are also called to be holy. What five exhortations does Peter use as he describes living a life of reverence and obedience to God:
  - I. \_\_\_\_\_ your minds for action (v. 13)

How can we keep our minds and heart ready for action and obedience in the Christian life?

- II. Be self-controlled (“be sober in spirit”)

Rather than be directed from outside circumstances, how should believers in Christ be directed and guided? What should compel us and control us?

- III. Set (or fix) your \_\_\_\_\_

A believer’s hope is to be set perfectly and unchangeably on the grace given when Christ is revealed.

- IV. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ to evil desires (v.14)

Read Ephesians 4:18. How does this verse describe what is going on in the heart and mind of the unbeliever?

- V. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15)

Although absolute holiness will never be fully achieved in this life, all areas of our walk with Christ should be in the process of becoming more holy and completely conformed to His perfect and holy will. How is this done? Read Romans 12:1-2 and discuss.