

FIELD GUIDE

Sunday, April 19th 2024

1 PETER

HOPE IN A HOSTILE WORLD

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:13–21

SUNDAY REFRESHER

Hope alone is not a strategy. It must be combined with action. Hope is essential, but it needs to be more than just wishful thinking; it must inspire us to prepare our minds for action and lead us to actively live out our faith. As Christians, we're called to "gird the loins of our minds", staying alert and sober, fully setting our hope on the grace of Jesus Christ and his imminent return.

Living out this hope means not only being prepared mentally but also transforming our lives to reflect the holiness called for by our faith. We are urged to move beyond the passions of our former ignorance and embrace a life dedicated to God. This isn't just about moral living but about being wholly dedicated to God's purpose, living in awe and reverence of His sacrificial love for us. It's about ensuring our hearts and actions are aligned with the powerful, living hope that comes from Jesus—hope that is not passive, but actively shapes how we think and live every day.

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

- What did God say to you through this passage and teaching?
- Did God reveal anything new to you?
- How is this relevant in your journey to make disciples who Love God and Love people?

QUESTIONS

- What does it mean to "prepare your minds for action"? What are some ways to do so practically?
- How can Christians ensure that their hope is not just wishful thinking but a driving force for living a life dedicated to God's purpose?
- How can the principle of being "sober-minded" impact a believer's daily life and decision-making processes?
- What does it look like for us to daily live lives that are dedicated and consecrated to God?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

- Ephesians 2:5-6
- Philippians 3:10
- Romans 15:13
- Leviticus 11:44

PRAYER

