1 - **All About Hope - Part 2**

1 Peter Chapter 1

2 – **Hope**

**By Definition -**

* **“’Favorable and confident expectation’. It has to do with the unseen and the future,” (Vine)**
* **“to anticipate, usually with pleasure; expectation (abstractly or concretely) or confidence” (Strong's Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary)**

**3 - Hope**

Lessons about Hope from 1st Peter Chapter 1.

* + The **Nature** of our hope. (vs. 3-5)
	+ The **Power** of our hope. (vs. 6-9)
	+ The **Certainty** of our hope. (vs. 10-12)
	+ The **Application** of our hope. (vs. 13-17)
	+ The **Birth** of our hope. (vs. 18-25)

**4 – The Application Of Our Hope**

1 Peter 1:13-17

* 1. *“…****gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit****…”*
	2. *“...****do not be conformed to the former lusts****…”*
	3. *“...****be holy yourselves also in all your behavior****…”*
	4. *“...****conduct yourselves in fear****...”*

5 - **The Application Of Our Hope**

1. 1 Peter 1:13 - *“…gird your minds for* ***action****, keep* ***sober*** *in spirit…”*
	* The mind is to be **prepared for immediate action** (by faith) in the work God has given us to do.
	(Matthew 7:24-27; James 1:22)
	* Our thinking is to be **clear** and “***sober***”. (cf., 1 Peter 4:7 and 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8)

6 - **The Application Of Our Hope**

1. 1 Peter 1:14, “...***do not be conformed*** *to the* ***former lusts***…”
	* + Our **hope** is to be an impetus for **needed changes**.
		+ **Repentance is demanded**. (Acts 17:30; 26:20)
		+ There is to be a ***“laying aside”****…* (Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 3:5-9; Romans 6:4)
		+ **Those among whom we sojourn** will **notice the difference**. (1 Peter 4:2-4)

7 - **The Application Of Our Hope –**

1. 1 Peter 1:15
	* “...***be holy yourselves also in all your behavior***…”
		+ - “**’Sanctified’ or ‘set apart’ for divine service**.” (Nelson)
			- **“Separation to God”** (Vine)
		+ **Holiness**, **a manner of living or conduct**. It is our “***behavior***”. (1 Peter 2:11-12; cf., 2 Cor. 7:1)
	* Consider the destination of our hope! (2 Pet.3:11-14)

8 - **The Application Of Our Hope –**

1. 1 Peter 1:17
	* ***“…conduct yourselves in fear…”***
		+ Great **reverence & respect** for Him who has given us hope.
		+ Includes **reverence and respect for His word**. (Ecclesiastes 12:13; cf., 2 Corinthians 7:1)
		+ **Fear & reverence** translates to **service & worship**. (Hebrews 12:28-29)

9 - **The Birth Of Our Hope –**

1 Peter 1:18-25

* 1. *“…****redeemed****…****with precious blood****…****the blood of Christ****”*
	2. *“…you have* ***in obedience to the truth*** *purified your souls…”*
	3. *“…****born again… through the living and abiding word of God****… which was preached to you…”*

10 - **The Birth Of Our Hope –**

1 Peter 1:18-25

* 1. “…***redeemed****…with* ***precious blood****…the* ***blood of Christ***”
		+ We have been **bought by the blood Christ**. (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:20;
		1 Peter 2:24; Hebrews 9:11-14; 10:19ff)

11 - **The Birth Of Our Hope –**

1 Peter 1:18-25

1. *“…****in obedience to the truth purified your souls****…”*
* Answers the question of **how were we redeemed by Christ’s blood**? Our obedience to the truth **purifies our souls** & **gives hope**.
* It is **our appeal to God for a clear conscience**.
(1 Peter 3:18-21)
* **Why? Because Jesus said so!** (Mark 16:15-16)

12 - **The Birth Of Our Hope –**

1 Peter 1:18-25

1. “…*Born again…* ***through the living and abiding word of God****…* ***which was preached to you***…”
	* + Answers the question, how do we know what to obey? (2 Timothy 4:2)
		+ We must hear the message preached, we must believe it and we must “**heed**” it.
		(Romans 10:12-17)

13 - **The Birth Of Our Hope –**

* **Hope** is **made possible because Christ shed His blood** for us.
* **Hope is born** when **hear the message preached**, **believe** it & **obey** the **truth**.
* **Hope continues** when we “***continue in the faith***” (Colossians 1:23) and we “***hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering***” (Hebrews 10:23).

14 - **The Birth Of Our Hope –**

It is on this basis that one:

1. Can **have such an imperishable**, undefiled and unfading hope
2. Will enable us to **endure** any degree of suffering
3. Will be **anchored** in the certainty of hope yet unseen.
4. Will call us **apply our hope in holy conduct** and behavior!

15 - Do you have this hope?