

How Does Hope Lead to Holiness? A Question to Ask of I Peter

Only some of the biblical verses are printed here...the ones that contain the majority of the answers. Feel free to read the entire passage (I Peter 1:13-2:12) for yourself. These are from The Passion Translation.

1:13 So then, prepare your hearts and minds for action! Stay alert and fix your hope firmly on the marvelous grace that is coming to you. For when Jesus Christ is unveiled, a greater measure of grace will be released to you. 14 As God's obedient children, never again shape your lives by the desires that you followed when you didn't know better. 15 Instead, shape your lives to become like the Holy One who called you. 16 For Scripture says: "You are to be holy, because I am holy."

Because we hope in Christ,

1. **We know that there is more grace waiting for us (v. 13)** And we therefore live our lives in anticipation of that, rather than "grabbing all the gusto we can get.
2. **We know better what is true and what is real (v. 14)** And we therefore choose the true and the real even when the false and fake looks pretty attractive.
3. **We know the character of our good God (v. 17)** And we therefore want to be like him... to be godly... to be formed in his good image.
4. **We know where we came from (v. 18)** And we therefore don't want to back to that slavery and meaninglessness.
5. **We know what our holiness cost Christ (v. 19-21)** And we therefore don't want to make his sacrifice for us null and void.
6. **We know that the seed planted in us will live forever (v. 23)....** And we therefore want to tend to that seed so we grow up well.

2:1 So abandon every form of evil, deceit, hypocrisy, feelings of jealousy and slander. 2 In the same way that nursing infants cry for milk, you must intensely crave the pure spiritual milk of God's Word. For this "milk" will cause you to grow into maturity, fully nourished and strong for life— 3 especially now that you have had a taste of the goodness of the Lord Jehovah and have experienced his kindness.

7. **We know what maturity looks like (v. 2)....** And we therefore we want to be as strong and well- nourished as possible in Christ.
8. **We know the kindness of God (v. 3)** And we therefore see his invitation to holiness as a kindness, not a burden.
9. **We know that we are living stones (v. 5)** And we therefore we want to be part of what Christ is building in the world.
10. **We know that we are treasures in the sight of God (v. 9)....** And we therefore we treasure ourselves like God does.

11 My divinely loved friends, since you are resident aliens and foreigners in this world, I appeal to you to divorce yourselves from the evil desires that wage war within you. 12 Live honorable lives as you mix with unbelievers, even though they accuse you of being evildoers. For they will see your beautiful works and have a reason to glorify God in the day he visits us.

11. **We know that we are foreigners in the world (v. 11)....** And we therefore we live as citizens of heaven, not as residents of this earth.
12. **We know that the residents are watching us (v. 12)** And we therefore we want to call their attention to the goodness of God.

So hope can lead to holiness... but what good is holiness in real life? How do we live if we're holy? It's all about relationship!... and that's the next lesson!