

1 PETER

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What does “Therefore” reference (v. 13)?
2. The Apostle Peter cites five responses or expectations for those who have received the gospel (vv. 13, 15, 17). The first is to prepare your mind for action. This is a call to . . .
3. What does James say about this?
 - James 2:20
 - James 2:26
 - James 1:22
4. Who is the blessed man (Matthew 24:45-51)?
5. The second response/expectation is to keep sober in spirit. What does an attitude of soberness/sobriety suggest?
6. Why is soberness so important?
 - 1 Peter 4:7
 - 1 Peter 5:8
 - 1 Peter 4:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8
7. The third response/expectation is to fix your hope. What does hope have an eye upon (c.f., Romans 8:24-25)? Upon what, specifically, is this hope to be fixed?

How important is this hope in light of what is going on in our world today? What difference does hope make (Hebrews 6:19)?

8. The fourth response/expectation is to be holy. What is this holiness based on and from what is it derived?

To what is a holy life contrasted (v. 14)? What does holiness directly impact (v. 15)?

What two factors are vital to meeting this expectation and seeing holiness become a growing part of our character?

- v. 3
- v. 14 (c.f., v. 22)

9. The fifth response/expectation is to conduct yourself in fear. What does this *not* mean (Psalm 23:4; 49:5)? (Think about the current atmosphere in the world.) What does this mean? (When is fear a good thing?)

10. What, specifically, is the focus of judgment? What will that look like (1 Corinthians 3:12-15)? How does the focus of judgment to come impact this response of fear today? How is this response linked to the other four?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. I will be under the influence of the kingdom of God this week by . . .
2. I will fix my hope this week by . . .
3. I will pursue holiness this week by . . .