

Sermon Title: Hopefull: Of Faith and Hope Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-21 Date: February 16th, 2025 Speaker Name: Justin Chandler

- 1. One of the most common biblical interpretation tips is: when you see the word, "therefore" (i.e. 1 Peter 1:13), we ask the question, "What is it there for?" Let's read 1 Peter 1:3-12 to determine why.
- 2. How does "preparing your mind for action and being sober-minded" help us to set our hope fully on the grace that will be brought by Jesus (1 Peter 1:13)?
- 3. For the second time, Peter refers to "the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:7, 13). The return/revelation of Jesus Christ has been a topic of conversation since Jesus said, "And behold, I am coming soon" (Revelation 22:7). What thought have you given to Jesus' return?
- 4. When you hear the phrase *holy person*, what comes to mind? Why do you think that is?
- 5. Let's read 1 Peter 1:13-21. How is a holy person described in these verses? What are some of the things a holy person is and does? How does this distinguish a holy person from others?
- 6. Peter contrasts "the passions of [our] former ignorance" and "be holy in all your conduct" (1 Peter 1:14-15). Can you see a marked difference in your life before you confession in Jesus and your life after your confession in Jesus?
- 7. What incentives does Peter give for living a holy life? Which of these incentives, if any, is motivating for you?
- 8. Peter speaks of judgment in 1:17. People often say, "only God can judge me." How does this talk of God judging your work affect you? Has your perspective changed since you have believed in Jesus?
- 9. Why is it important to remember our salvation experience and what it cost (1 Peter 1:18-19)?
- 10. "So that your faith and hope are in God" (1 Peter 1:21b). Why is this an important phrase for the exile believers to hear from Peter? Why is this an important message for you and I to hear? How can you increase your faith and hope in God today? Can we pray together that God would do just that?