

FIRST PETER

Part 95

“We Have Hope”

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Not many people in our town or society possess real hope. Just watch their lives for part of a day and it becomes very apparent that hope is absent. Anxiety and worry dominate their mindset as they live life. Unhappiness is much more apparent as they face uncertain circumstances.

However, as believers, we are very different. Right? We form our opinions throughout the day based upon our hope in Christ. Regardless of the circumstances during any given day, we are filled with hope! Our hope in Christ supersedes anything we might face in daily living.

Here is what is so amazing. The results of a lifestyle filled with hope are visible to others; so it is only reasonable that others would ask us about “our hope.”

THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

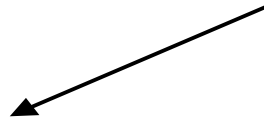
I Peter 3:15

- As believers, we are commanded to allow Jesus Christ to be the “**Master**” of all of our life.
- When Christ is Lord of our lives, we have a Biblical **reason** and **answer** for the way we live life.
- In summary of verse 15, here is how it looks...

We **reverence**
Christ as Master



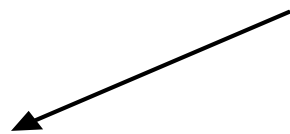
Are ready to give a
reasonable **answer**



Because others will
notice and ask



Our answer comes from
our “**ledger**” of convictions



We have answers that **glorify** God because of our hope

FILLED WITH HOPE

- Hope = A present **expectation** of a future promise of God.
- It can also mean "to anticipate with **pleasure**."
- As believers, we are the only **example** of true hope.
 - We can **display** hope through all circumstances. *(Roman 5:2-5)*
 - In hope we eagerly wait for our glorified **bodies**.
 - Our **attitude** is filled with hope. *(Romans 12:12)*
 - We **respond** to others with communication filled with hope. *(II Corinthians 3:12)*
 - We look forward to becoming the **person** God intended us to be. *(Colossians 1:27)*
 - We are moved by the promise of one day experiencing the complete **results** of eternal life. *(Titus 3:7)*

FINAL THOUGHTS

- A growing, vibrant believer will be a person of **hope**!
- We were not **saved** to example a life of hopelessness.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Do others see you as a “person of hope”?
2. What invades your own life that causes you to forget “your hope”?
3. Does your hope in Christ truly come into play throughout the day as you make choices and decisions?