

Sermon Study Guide – April 23rd, 2023

Today's Focus: "Sober Hope"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ What does it mean to hope for something? Why is hope often considered to be such a powerful thing? What would your life be like without hope?
- ◆ Today we'll see that God wants us to have "sober hope". What do you think that is? How does his version of hope differ from ours?

2) Today's Message: 1 Peter 1:13,17-21

¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming... ¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon...

1. Sometimes people hope for the wrong things. Why do they do this?
2. Describe what Peter means by having a “sober hope”.
3. What kinds of things do people place their hopes in, whether it’s us, Peter’s first audience, or the individuals in our readings?
4. Why do all these kinds of hopes fail us?
5. How does Christ offer a different kind of hope?
6. Why must we keep encouraging one another with a “sober hope”?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week’s truths:

Monday: *review* Lk. 24:13-35, Ac. 2:14-41

Thursday: Jeremiah 29:1-23

Tuesday: *review* Psalm 116

Friday: Romans 8:18-39

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

Saturday: *read/review* 1 Pt. 1:10-21