



1 Peter 1:13-21

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Message Recap

There is a difference between owning something and understanding its value. Ownership without awareness produces carelessness.

Peter writes to believers whose salvation is secure and whose future is certain. Now he tightens the focus: if that's true, it should shape how we think and live today.

First, fix your mind before you try to fix your life. Spiritual stability begins in the control center. Set your hope fully on Christ, because whatever you are hoping in is shaping you right now.

Second, live like you know who your Father is. You are not earning love, you are living from it. Identity drives transformation.

Finally, remember what it cost to redeem you. You were not purchased with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. When you understand the price, you stop treating sin lightly.

You are priceless to God, so we should live like it.

Icebreaker / Personal Reflection

- **Icebreaker:**

What's the one thing you have to do every day—or everything just feels off?

- **Reflection:**

What part of the message resonated with you the most?

Discussion Questions

- Peter says to be “alert and fully sober.” What are some ways believers today can become mentally distracted or intoxicated?
- How do you personally tend to minimize sin? (Excusing it, renaming it, comparing it, delaying dealing with it, etc.)
- Conformity happens quietly. Where are you most tempted to slowly absorb cultural patterns that conflict with your faith?

- Peter holds together Father and Judge. Which side do you tend to emphasize more in your view of God - intimacy or accountability? Why?
- Peter says we were not redeemed with “perishable things such as silver or gold.” How can someone be financially responsible and still spiritually anchored — without allowing money to become their ultimate security?

For Additional Study

1 Peter 1:13 (NIV)

“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.”

- What practical habits help you “tighten up” your thinking and stay spiritually alert?
- How would your daily decisions change if your hope were fully fixed on eternity?

1 Peter 1:18–21 (NIV)

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed... but with the precious blood of Christ... Through him you believe in God... and so your faith and hope are in God.”

- What does it mean personally that your redemption was planned “before the creation of the world”?
- How does the resurrection give confidence that your obedience and endurance are not in vain?