



"Responding to Salvation Grace" (Part 1)

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1 Peter 1:13



13 Therefore, having girded up the loins of your mind, with sober-mindedness, set your hope fully on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **14** As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance. **15** But like the holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; **16** because it is written: "You shall be holy, for I Am Holy." **17** And if you call upon the Father as the One who judges with impartiality according to each one's work, conduct yourselves with fear during your time of exile, **18** knowing that you have been redeemed

from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things like silver and gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like an unblemished and spotless lamb. **20** He was foreknown from before the foundation of the world, but He has appeared in these last times for your sake, **21** who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

– 1 Peter 1:13-21, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

"Responding to salvation grace results in the pleasure of hope and the pursuit of holiness."

I. Our Response to the Glory of our Salvation (13-21)

A. We are to Fix our Hope on Future Grace (13)

1. Preparing our Minds (13a)

a. What does it mean to "Gird up the Loins of our mind?"

b. anazōnnumi (ἀναζωννυμι) – "to bind up, or gird up"

(1) Literal girding of the loins as seen in the O.T. (1 Kings 18; 2 Kings 4; Exo. 12)

c. Reaching the goal of holiness by way of a disciplined mind (cf. vv. 15-16)

(1) Focus on (and cherish) truth.

"Evil deeds are the offspring and children of evil thoughts, the branches and fruit which grow out of this root. Thoughts are the first-born of the soul; words and actions are only younger brothers. They are the oil that feeds and maintains the wick, which would otherwise go out; life-sins receive their juice and nourishment from thought-sins. . . . As Job cursed the day and place of his birth . . . so should you curse sin even in the very womb that bore it [that is your mind]. . . . All the unclean streams flow from this unclean fountain, this ocean and sea of sin." [Puritan Ralph Venning]

d. The word "mind" = dianoia (διανοία) – " More than intellectual faculties, the word indicates that which guides and corrects conduct" (may be a parallel to Mark 12:30 where the same word is used)

2. Fixing our Hope (13b)

a. "With sober-mindedness"

b. Hope relates to our attitude toward the future

c. The object of the hope is the grace to be brought at the revelation of Christ.

Conclusion