

“Our Response to God’s Great Salvation” 1/13/19

1 Peter 1:13-16

Sermon Series- “*Living for the Glory of God in a Hostile World*”

Big Idea- By setting our hope fully on the grace that is ours, now and in the future, we need to live a life of mindful self-control and holy obedience in honor to our Father.

Themes- Glory in the midst of suffering, our election & inheritance, how to live in a hostile world, **Jesus suffered and received glory after**, we are the people of God joined to Israel, Don’t abandon hope or become bitter, Jesus is returning to culminate our Salvation.

“For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required.”

Luke 12:48 (cf. Ephesians 1:3)

LESSON 1- Our grateful response should begin in our THINKING

- A. Our thinking and perspectives of this life are rooted in confident HOPE (1:3; “living hope”; Titus 2:11-4; 2 Tim 4:10; Rom 8:18-39; Heb 6:19)
- B. The greatest commandment requires us to love God with our MINDS (Luke 12:35-36; Mark 12:30; 1 Peter 3:15; 2 Cor 10:5; Eph 6:14)
- C. God desires for us to be sober or SELF-CONTROLLED (Gal 5:23; 1 Cor 6:10; Eph 5:18; 1 Peter 5:8; no distractions from Grace!)

Going Deeper *God wants you to become an optimist because you are hoping in Him!*

LESSON 2- Our grateful response should continue in our CONDUCT

- A. God expects obedience and to no longer reflect our old LIFE (**Rom 12:1-2**; Eph 4:18; John 14:15, 21; 1 John 2:3-5; John 17:17)
 - 1) Ignorance of God / knowledge of Jesus and God’s truth
 - 2) Not part of God’s family / one of God’s chosen kids
 - 3) Controlled by sinful desires / controlled by Spirit in obedience
 - 4) Wasted futile life / Holy, purposeful way of life
 - 5) Affirmed by world (Luke 6:26) / misunderstood, maligned by world
- B. The standard of holiness is not human, but GOD HIMSELF (Matt 5:48; Lev 11:44-45; Hab 1:13; James 4:4; what is your standard?)

Going Deeper *God expects your walk to match your talk and to live HOLY!*

“I, therefore, urge you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called.”
Ephesians 4:1 (contrast Titus 1:16)

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples