

I Peter 1:13
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I. Introduction.

- A. Doctrine precedes duty.
- B. What one believes will always determine what one does.

II. Hope is the primary command.

- A. Hope is desire and acceptance.
- B. Faith looks upward; hope looks forward. Faith looks at the person of Christ; hope looks at the things that accompany Christ.
- C. One is to hope completely and totally.
- D. Grace is unmerited favor when one deserves the opposite.

III. How one hopes.

- A. By girding up the loins of his mind. This means to tighten up one's focus. (Luke 12)
- B. By being sober. This means to be constantly clear headed.

Application questions:

1. Why do you think hope is a command?

2. What is the difference between faith and hope?

3. How would you counsel someone one regaining his or her hope? Explain.
