



### Called To A Living Hope

- The Book of Peter was written in a time of trial. 6,7
- Peter begins by reminding us we were born again to a LIVING HOPE! V3
- That Living Hope, that imperishable, undefiled and unfading inheritance is being kept in heaven for us – 4
- That we are being guarded by God's power for a salvation that will be revealed at the coming of Christ – 5
- Though we do not see Him we love Him and believe in Him 8
- All of this "seeing" and "loving" through faith results in the salvation of our souls.
- How is present tense and how much is future faith looking?

### Called To Be Holy

- Therefore ... 13
- Prepare your MINDS ...
- This is about the way we think!
- Col.3:1-4 - If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
- Set your HOPE ... 13 What do we set our hope on?
- On the grace brought to us at Christ's return

### How Are We To Be Holy?

- As we are called to be HOLY, act as though you are holy -14
- Were your pre-christian passions Holy? If not..STOP IT!
- If the Holy one called you to be holy he will also equip you.
- BE Holy in all our conduct! You shall be holy for I am Holy. 16
- Ezk.36:25-27 - <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

### How Are We To Be Holy?

- Is it possible to live Holy Lives today?
- Will we stumble and fail sometimes?
- Conduct ourselves with fear .... 17
- Even if we are children of the living God, there is still a judgement on our faithfulness, on our deeds.
- There will be tears in heaven...Rev.21:4 tears of shame?
- 18 – knowing ... What we believe matters!
- Knowing we were ransomed from futile ways
- Knowing our ransom was paid with the precious blood of Christ - 19

### How Are We To Be Holy?

- Therefore, knowing what we have been saved from, the cost of our salvation, what we have been saved to and the relative brevity of this life...
1. Consider what you are focused on now.
  2. Recognize your behaviour will reflect your thinking
    - Rom.8:5-7; Matt.16:23; 22:37; Rom.12:1,2; Eph.4:22-24; Phil.2:5-8; 4:4-8; Col.3:1-10;
  3. Keep your eyes fixed on the Saviour and the salvation he promises us in Christ.
  4. Let the joy and freedom of Christ be seen in you.