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Message Series: Hope In A Hostile World: 1 Peter

Today's Message: The Only Hope of The World

One day you will stand before God, and He will do an audit of your life, a final exam, before you enter eternity. The Bible says, "Remember, each of us will stand personally before the judgment seat of God ... Yes, each of us will have to give a personal account to God." Fortunately, God wants us to pass this test, so He has given us the question in advance. From the Bible we can surmise that God will ask us two crucial questions:

First, "What did you do with my Son, Jesus Christ?" ... Second, "What did you do with what I gave you?"

1. Are You Prepared To Meet Jesus?

1 Peter 1:13

Walk in Hope ... Walk in Holiness ... Walk in Harmony ...

➤ Steps To Take:

- **Step 1 ... "Minds that are alert" ...** (KJV – Therefore gird up the loins of your mind)
The Idea: be ready for battle, pull your thoughts together
Question: "If you had but 1 day to live, would you spend your time on _____?"
1 Timothy 4:6-10
- **Step 2 ... "Minds that are ... fully sober" ...** 1 Peter 5:8, 9
"Sober" – Self-controlled, calm, steady ... 1 Peter 4:7, 8
"Outlook determines outcome; attitude determines action: when outlook is gloomy try the uplook."
"Direction – not intention determines your destination."
1 Peter 4:7,8
"The end of all things is near" ... "love each other deeply because love covers over a multitude of sins."
1 Corinthians 13:7
"Love stands in the presence of a fault, with a finger on her lip." – Spurgeon
The proof of a God-Changed life – "The Spirit gifts are temporary containers of God's work; love is the work itself!"
Galatians 5:14, 15
- **Step 3 ... "Set your hope on the grace ... when Jesus Christ is revealed at His coming."**
Romans 5:12
Titus 2:11-15
2 Timothy 4:17, 18
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2. Getting Ready ... Better Together

1 Peter 2:1, 2, 9-12

Ephesians 4:1, 2, 25-27, 32

- 1) We are "stones" in the same building.
1 Peter 2:4, 5
True Christ Followers are not to allow "opinions" to destroy Spiritual unity.
- 2) We are "priests" in the same temple
1 Peter 2:5, 9
The Church Living Right –Loving Right is the Only Hope of the World.
John 17:20-24