

# king's chapel

*Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week of January 20, 2013

**This Week's Focus:** Living life in the living hope of our salvation.

**This Week's Text:** 1 Peter 1:10-21

*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

**Titus 2:11-14**

*“This is not the cringing fear of a slave before a master, but the loving reverence of a child before his father. It is not fear of judgment (1 John 4:18), but a fear of disappointing Him or sinning against His love. It is “godly fear” (2 Cor. 7:1), a sober reverence for the Father. **Warren Wiersbe***

**Related Texts:** 2 Peter 1:20-21, Romans 8:9, Philippians 4:8

## **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What has God spoken to you about regarding the sermon?
- 1 Peter 1:10-12 begins, “Concerning this salvation.” What salvation?
- What does Peter mean by the “grace that was to be [ours]”?
- What were the prophets trying to discern?
- We have been given more grace than the prophets and even the angels long to look into the things announced. What are the implications of that?
- Describe a time when you have gone to Scripture for comfort in the middle of a trial and found peace in God.
- Recap what “therefore” in verse 13 refers to. Why is it important that the indicatives of what God has done precede the imperatives of how we are commanded to live?

- The first imperative in our text is hope.
  - What is Christian hope? What are we to hope in?
  - Discuss our responsibility of “preparing our minds for action and being sober minded.” What does this look like?
- The second imperative in our text is holiness.
  - What is this call to holiness all about? Reference Leviticus 11: 44, 19:2, Romans 12:1-2.
  - What are Christians separated from and what they are set apart for?
  - Why does a commitment to holiness make no division between the secular and the sacred?
  - What are the two modifying verbs in verse 14 and what do they teach us about being holy?
- The third imperative in our text is fear.
  - What does it mean to fear God?
  - How does your life reflect or not reflect a healthy fear of God?
  - In what ways does God, as an impartial judge hold His children accountable? Reference Hebrews 12.
- What does it mean to be ransomed? Reference Hosea 3:2, Exodus 6:6, Ephesians 1:7, 5:1.
- Why is the innocent (without blemish or spot) blood of Jesus so precious, and what does it accomplish for us?
- How does knowing that He is not only your Father, but that He stepped down from his Holy throne (in his son) and bore the penalty of the law to redeem you, encourage you to live in fear?
- Describe the futile ways of salvation from which God has ransomed you.
  - How does this affect your compassion for those in your community “sphere of influence” that don’t believe?
- What are the life implications of having your hope and faith in God? Not in God?

### **Gospel Celebration:**

- Discuss how the gospel calls us to reject the life that is driven simply by self-centered passions and to pursue the life is set apart for God’s sacred use.

### **Our Response:**

- Gratitude for the Holy Scriptures and for those who were used by God to give them to us.
- Live as obedient children out of deep humility and gratitude in the gospel.

### **Next Week’s Text: 1 Kings 21**