

Week 1, 1 Peter 1:1-16

We want to focus on the **major themes** and **main principles** which center on: What we _____.
What we _____. How we _____. Our goal is not to cover **every verse** or tackle **every argument**. Rather, our goal is to dive into the portions that can immediately help us:
_____ our thinking. _____ our believing. _____ our living.

Notice how the concepts; **thinking, believing & living** are on display right away in 1 Peter 1:13-14
So **prepare your minds** for action and exercise self-control. **Put all your hope** in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. So you must **live as God's obedient children**.

As you may have already noticed, *thinking correctly* _____ *believing effectively*. And, *believing effectively*... precedes *living obediently*.

Thinking correctly about the truth. We must have an _____ understanding of God's message.
Believing effectively in God and in the Word of God. We must have a faith that _____ believes that the things of God are real and true.

Living obediently in submission to God's design, desire & will. We must live a kind of life that _____ the word of God to every & all aspects of our lives.

Today we will focus on 1 Peter 1:1-16

In the opening section of the book Peter lays out the foundational pillars of a successful Christian life.
Our incredible **SALVATION** Our hopeful **EXPECTATION** Our joyful **SATISFACTION** Our faithful **APPLICATION**

Our incredible **SALVATION** (3a, 5, 9-10)

The first thing that Peter wants us to think correctly about & believe effectively in is what God has done for us in **our great salvation**. Peter says that our salvation was brought about solely by God and his great mercy, displayed through the _____ of Jesus Christ.

Peter says that the **prophets**, the **biblical writers** and even the **angels** longed to see and understand this incredible salvation that we are experiencing. Peter says that we can have a confident _____ that our souls will be saved and we too will be raised from the dead to live with God forever.

Steps we can take:

_____ **the basis of our salvation**. _____ the doctrines of sin & death, heaven & hell, the sacrificial system and God's historical plan for atonement and redemption.
_____ mature away from the gospel. _____ a clear picture of salvation before you at all times. A great warning sign in the life of the believer should be a callousness towards the significance of Calvary.
_____ of all the promises that are ours in Christ and read it daily, weekly.
_____ of what you once were and who you now are because of Christ.

Our hopeful **EXPECTATION** (3b-4, 13)

The second thing that Peter wants us to think correctly about & believe effectively in is the incredible _____ that God has instore for us. Peter reminds the believers of the absolutely staggering reality of their eternal, good & perfect future and their amazing inheritance. Peter understands that this future inheritance should _____ within us **a great expectation**.

When we truly understand the implications of our future, and when we truly believe in the _____ of our eternal well-being, We will have _____ a spirit of expectation within us that will give us the motivation & power that we need for **obedient living**.

Steps we can take:

_____ a clear picture of the future & eternity before us at all times.

_____ more time looking to what is ahead & to what is invisible than we spend looking to what is past/present and to what is visible.

_____ of all the things that God promises to do and be for the believer in the coming age.

_____ yourself daily what is in store for those who believe (and those who don't believe) (especially when you're up against a temptation).

_____ that whatever future reward that sin holds out pales in comparison to the future reward & joy that obedience to God holds out.

Our joyful **SATISFACTION** (6, 8)

The third thing that Peter wants us to begin to experience is the true, deep & lasting **satisfaction, joy & happiness** that is available to those who understand their eternal future. Because we have such an incredible salvation and because we have been promised such a good and glorious eternal future... we should be those most happy people alive. This satisfaction should lead us to a glad, willful obedience to God. This joy should also empower us to endure the most difficult of situations because we have such an incredible future.

Steps we can take:

_____ the level of joy, satisfaction, pleasure that you have when you are doing the will of the Lord.

_____ the superior degree of happiness that you have when you are walking in close fellowship to the Lord.

_____ of the level of pain, sorrow, guilt, regret etc. when you disobey the Lord, give into temptation or simply choose the easy, comfortable & selfish route.

_____ and ask the Lord to give you a deep satisfaction in Him. _____ Him to help you not find superior happiness in following the ways of the world.

Our faithful **APPLICATION** (13a, 14a, 15-16)

Peter says that **the knowledge** of our salvation, the **hopeful expectation** of our future and our **deep satisfaction** in God should lead us to **radical obedience** in applying the Word of God.

Peter says that the hallmark sign of **obedience** is a laser focused mind which _____ the body & will into disciplined, holy, self-control. Peter says that the hallmark sign of **disobedience** is a _____ approach to life, where the body & will are enslaved to our base, fleshly instincts & desires.

Steps we can take:

_____ and ask the Lord to give you the discipline and self-control needed to submit to His Spirit over your spirit.

_____ all of your thoughts, attitudes and actions through the sieve of what became true of you at salvation and what will be true of you in the coming future eternity.

_____ and evaluate your thoughts, attitudes and actions... many times we aren't who want to be simply because we are moving so quickly and are victims of impromptu reactions and decisions.