

**“Setting Our Hope Fully on the Grace to Come”
1 Peter 1.13-21**

Sermon in a nutshell:

As elect of God and strangers in the world, we must set our hope fully on heaven despite earthly trials. We must do this with a composed spirit and focused mind, plus holy life. And we're motivated to do this because our Christ himself had paid the ultimate price, so we are expected to follow him. On top of this, our God is impartial in judgment, so we can trust him to vindicate us on judgment day.

A. We are called to set our hope fully on the grace that will be ours (= heavenly blessings), v 13

Note: The phrase “set your hope fully”...

- is given in the imperative
- is the controlling verb in the sentence

B. Two Characteristics of those who are setting their hope on heaven

1: They display a composed spirit and sober mind, v 13a-b

2: They develop a desire for holy living, v 14-16

C. Two Motivating Reasons to Set our Hope Above

1: God is impartial in judgment (so we can trust him to vindicate us), v 17

2: Christ had paid the ultimate price (so we should emulate him), v 18-21

Conclusion