

# The Horizon of Hope

## 1 Peter 1:13-21

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### Our new hope is Jesus' return

1 Peter 1:13

### Our new life is to reflect our Father's holiness

1 Peter 1:14-16

- Our Father is an impartial Judge

1 Peter 1:17

- Our Father redeemed us at a great cost

1 Peter 1:18-19

- Our Father planned for Christ to be revealed, raised, and glorified for us

1 Peter 1:20-21

# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. If you were to draw a line that represented where your hope has been this past year, what would it look like? Would it be steady, declining, zigzagging, ascending, or something else? What times/events has changed this?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:13. What does it look like in your life to place your hope fully in the future grace that you'll receive at Jesus' return?
3. How does the life of our mind relate to our hope according to verse 13? How can you grow in this? (see 1 Thes 5:6; 1 Pet 4:7, 5:8; Luke 12:34-40; Rom 12:2; Eph 4:22-24)
4. Read 1 Peter 1:14-16. What are some temptations to compromise your holiness that have come up this past year?
5. Read 1 Peter 1:17. How do you reconcile the idea that we will be judged according to our deeds with the idea that we are saved by faith alone through grace alone based on Christ's merits alone? (see Rom 2:6, 14:12; Matt 12:36, 16:27; 2 Cor 5:10; 1 Cor 3:12-15; 1 Cor 4:5). How does this motivate you to live for Christ?
6. Read 1 Peter 1:18-19. How has God ransoming you with Christ's blood looked in your life? How would explain this passage using your life?
7. Where in this passage do you see references to the Exodus story? How does that backdrop help you appreciate this passage?
8. Read 1 Peter 1:20-21. How can God's plan in Christ motivate you to trust Him this week?

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