

2 **How Does Peter introduce Hope? (1:3-2:3)**

Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in former times was written for our instruction, *so that through endurance and through encouragement of the Scriptures we may have hope.*

2.4.1 **Setting Hope in the Context of Grace:**

- 1 | 1:2 ...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: *May grace and peace be multiplied to you.*
- 2 | 1:10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about *the grace that was to be yours* searched and inquired carefully,
- 3 | 1:13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, *set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*
- 4 | 3:7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are *heirs with you of the grace of life*, so that your prayers may not be hindered.
- 5 | 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, *as good stewards of God's multifaceted grace:*
- 6 | 5:5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "*God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.*"
- 7 | 5:10 And after you have suffered a little while, *the God of all grace*, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.
- 8 | 5:12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring *that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.*

2.4.2 **Hope is built on the foundation of what God has done in the past.**

“... always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks about the hope you possess...”

» **1Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,...

▶ “born again to a living hope...”

▶ “through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...”

2.4.3 **Hope looks toward the future and the completion of God’s transforming work.**

» **1 Peter 1:4** ...to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 1:5 who **by God’s power are being guarded through faith** for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

▶ “an inheritance...”

▶ “by God’s power are being guarded through faith...”

▶ “a salvation ready to revealed at the last time.”

2.4.4 **Hope allows us to live with meaning and purpose in the present.**

» **1Peter 1:6-9** This brings you great joy, although you may have to suffer for a short time in various trials. 1:7 Such trials show the proven character of your faith, which is much more valuable than gold—gold that is tested by fire, even though it is passing away—and will bring praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 1:8 You have not seen him, but you love him. You do not see him now but you believe in him, and so you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 1:9 because you are attaining the goal of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

▶ rejoice in trials

Romans 5:3-5 More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 5:4 and endurance produces character, and *character produces hope, 5:5 and hope does not put us to shame*, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

▶ testing of faith

▶ the Revelation of Jesus Christ

- ▶ The outcome of Faith: The Salvation of our souls

2.4.5 **Our salvation was revealed through the Prophets.**

- » **1Peter 1:10-12** Concerning this salvation, the prophets who predicted **the grace** that would come to you searched and investigated carefully. 1:11 They probed into what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when he testified beforehand about the sufferings appointed for Christ and his subsequent glory. 1:12 They were shown that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things now announced to you through those who proclaimed the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things angels long to catch a glimpse of.

2.4.6 **The realization of our Future Reality allows us to prepare.**

- » **1Peter 1:13-16** Therefore, get your minds ready for action by being fully sober, and *set your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed*. 1:14 Like obedient children, do not comply with the evil urges you used to follow in your ignorance, 1:15 but, like the Holy One who called you, become holy yourselves in all of your conduct, 1:16 for it is written, “You shall be holy, because I am holy.”

- ▶ being fully sober, setting our hope...

- ▶ On the grace to be revealed...

- ▶ Pursuing Holiness

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 2:12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 2:13 *waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ*, 2:14 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. (ESV)

2.4.7 **Our Present Reality has been redeemed by Christ.**

- » **1Peter 1:17-21** And if you address as Father the one who impartially judges according to each one’s work, live out the time of your temporary residence here in reverence (fear). 1:18 You know that from your empty way of life inherited from your ancestors you were ransomed—not by perishable things like silver or gold, 1:19 but by precious blood like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb, namely Christ. 1:20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was manifested in these last times

for your sake. 1:21 Through him you now trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

▶ Our Heavenly Father, the impartial judge...

▶ Living in Healthy, Godly fear:

2.4.8 **We have been born and purified through the working of God’s Word (The Gospel)**

1Peter 1:22-24 You have purified your souls by obeying the truth in order to show sincere mutual love. So love one another earnestly from a pure heart. 1:23 You have been born anew, not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. 1:24 For all flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of the grass; the grass withers and the flower falls off, 1:25 but the word of the Lord endures forever. ***And this word is the good news that was preached to you.***

▶ Purifying our souls by obeying the truth...

▶ To show sincere mutual love

▶ The Imperishable Word of God - The Good News/Gospel

Colossians 1:3-6 We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 1:4 since we heard about your **faith** in Christ Jesus and the **love** that you have for all the saints. 1:5 *Your faith and love have arisen from the hope laid up for you in heaven*, which you have heard about in the message of truth, the gospel 1:6 that has come to you. Just as in the entire world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, so it has also been bearing fruit and growing among you *from the first day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth.*

2.4.9 **We are exhorted to grow up into salvation.**

» **1Peter 2:1-3** So get rid of all evil and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 2:2 And yearn like newborn infants for pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up to salvation, 2:3 if you have tasted to see that the Lord is good.

▶ Pure, Spiritual Milk...

▶ Grow up into salvation...