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## JOHN 14:27

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

# Sermon Thesis:

Hope in the christian life is centered on a commitment to a christian mind.

#### I Peter I:I-I3

To those who reside as strangers, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which perishes though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ

and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look. Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

# Have A Ready Mind

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 8:11

"I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ."

# Application:

A prepared mind makes for a resilient faith.

Keep A Sober Spirit

# "The most sober thinkers in the world are those who have drunk most deeply of the gospel".

- David Mathis, Pastor and Writer at DesiringGod.org

Application:

We must make choices and build guardrails that help sustain our faith.

Set Your Hope On Jesus

### HEBREWS 9:28

So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him. "One sets their hope on future grace, not by idle wishfulness or unfounded optimism, but by a mental resolve to live in such a way as to manifest the "living hope" of the Christian believer. The Christian hope is a reality to be recognized and acted upon now."

- Karen Jobes, Bible Scholar & Ph.D.

# Homework Assignment:

Take Some Time to Examine Your Life (rhythms, habits, affections, goals, influences & etc)

- 1) Is this helping my hope or hurting my hope?
- 2) Outside of Sunday Morning, What Centers My

life on Christ?