



*EXILES*  
*Godly Thinking Feeds Gospel Hope*

1 Peter 1:13-21  
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Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Think of a time when you had a clear understanding of where you were going which changed the way you think along the way.
1. Your Thinking Feeds Your Hope (1:13)
  2. In the message on Sunday we learned that we can't *set our hope fully* by focusing on hope itself but on the object of our hope. How is this truth helpful to you? If you find your hope slipping, what is the threefold remedy found in the text? (Hint: this has to do with thinking.)
2. Think Upward: Live Holy as Children of a Holy Father (1:14-16)
  3. What does it mean to "prepare your minds for action" and to be "sober-minded" (1:13) in a practical sense? How can we actively prepare our minds to follow Christ each day? How does being sober-minded impact your decisions and actions?
3. Think Seriously: Live in Light of God as Judge (1:17)

4. We are exhorted to *set our hope fully* on the grace to be brought when Jesus is revealed (1:13). What challenges do you face in keeping your hope fully focused on Christ? How do distractions or worries dilute your hope? How does right thinking feed your hope?
5. Peter calls believers to think upward, to be holy in all their conduct (1:15-16). On Sunday we learned that to be holy means to be set apart for God's purpose, and how can we strive for holiness in both our private and public lives. Are there specific areas in your life that you feel need a fresh commitment to holiness?
6. Peter also calls believers to think seriously, having a healthy fear of God (1:17). Have you held an unhealthy understanding of fearing God? In what way? How might a healthy fear of God look (consider Psalms 19:7-14 and 145:14-21)?
7. Peter calls us to "think back" to our ransom (1:18-19). How does this help our hope? How does the high cost of your redemption affect the way you "prepare your mind for action and think soberly"?
8. Pray for one another that you would prioritize knowing Christ in all your thinking. In this way, your hope will be fully set on God's grace.