

# If-Then

## 1 Pet. 1.13.2.3

*Focus: on living out the reality of our salvation (1.1-12) in hope, holiness, fear and love.*

### RESOURCES:

Here is a helpful resource on our text:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/getting-started-in-1-peter>

Here is the link to the 1 Peter personal study guide:

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/7d495f89f8a10ee02758a05be/files/241be423-12f7-4d00-aaf6-7455a725ea4f/1\\_Peter\\_Personal\\_Study.pdf?utm\\_source=All+Church+North+Wake&utm\\_campaign=7da39571c5-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2019\\_01\\_11\\_02\\_31&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_42ae59d660-7da39571c5-393516393](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/7d495f89f8a10ee02758a05be/files/241be423-12f7-4d00-aaf6-7455a725ea4f/1_Peter_Personal_Study.pdf?utm_source=All+Church+North+Wake&utm_campaign=7da39571c5-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_01_11_02_31&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_42ae59d660-7da39571c5-393516393)



### Discussion:

- Read over our passage aloud together. How do you respond to what Peter is calling us to? How does this section relate to the first 12 verses?
- 1.13 - Peter calls us to set our hope on Jesus' return. What helps you do that? What verses help you do that? What hinders that focus?
- 1.14-16 - Peter calls us to live holy lives. What does that mean? How would that look in your life? What helps/hinders that?
- 1.17-21 - Peter calls us to live in fear. What, in these verses, is to shape our fear? How does the fear of God affect you? What helps/hinders that?
- 1.22-2.3 - Peter calls us to love one another deeply. What insights can you glean about loving from these verses? How can you grow in this area?
- What would be your one area (of the four he mentions: hope, holiness, fear and love) that you need to focus on and grow in over the coming weeks? How can you fuel that?
- Don't forget to encourage your group to use the 1 Peter study guide *before* they come to group each week! See the Resource sidebar for the link. Sharing from that sheet may shape or even replace how you use these questions!

## **2019 Spiritual Priority for NW**

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### **Bumper Sticker: Worth It!**

- **Key Words:** Hope/Heaven
- **Full statement of priority:** to help us more fully grasp the joy and wonder of eternity with God such that we are increasingly:
  - Daily mindful of the heavenly hope that is ours in Christ
  - Willing to persevere in hardship and suffering in light of our hope
  - Eager to offer this hope to the people God has placed in our lives
- **Key verse:**
  - Romans 8.18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
  - cf. also Matt. 5.10-12; 2 Cor. 4.16-18; Heb. 10.32-36; 1 Pet. 4.12-14
- **Prayer:**
  - pray that we would grasp the awesome hope of eternal life with God!
  - pray that our vision of heaven (and all that is associated with it) will make our present suffering worth it all such that we would persevere in loving obedience to Christ
  - pray that we would be all the more eager to share the hope of eternity with our friends, family, neighbors, co-

workers and all those God puts in our lives that don't have this hope!