

Walking- Mind & Heart Issues

Series on Talking & Walking

- Prayer – Communication With Almighty God
 - building real relationship
 - seeking and understanding – not demanding my way
- talking with God changes our walking with God
 - practical change in how we see life
 - practical change in what we say and do
 - practical change in how world views us

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Setting 1 Peter 1:1-12

Praise for a Living Hope:

- gives no commands, admonitions, exhortations
- celebrates God's actions on our behalf
- we have...
- celebrates God's word brought to us
 - prophets, gospel

Passage – 1 Peter 1:13-21

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“Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers”

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“but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. “

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1. In View of What God has done – Prepare Minds for Change

- therefore.....

a) be self controlled

- begin to take charge, plan, execute the plan

b) set your hope fully

- not on things that don't matter

- Keep eyes on the real issue

- prioritize the big things – get your thinking straight

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2. Allow Maturity To Effect Change

- as you get older – new expectations

a) As Obedient Children.....

* when we were without this hope – ignorant

* conformed to evil desires – unable to see differently

b) Now Understanding the Family Name.....

* new heart and desires to live by

* desire for righteousness, slaves to it not sin

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3. How You Live Matters – A lot!

- Holiness:

- root idea in OT is separated from what is defective and evil, separated for God.

- God is holy in that He is set apart from everything that is evil, defective and impure.

- Idea of the Sun:

- fire at core – holiness

- light we see – glory

- warmth we feel - righteousness

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- God is Holy – why sin created such a separation
 - sacrifice system, holy of holies, incidents
- * We bear the Family Name
 - claim to understand & participate in restored relationship with God through Jesus payment
 - claim to have indwelling Holy Spirit in Us
- * God's Call – be Holy for I am Holy
 - at the center, the fire that burns, that which compels us to do, where what you see and experience originates

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4. Reminder of the Stakes vs. 17-21

- * God Will Judge

- without being partial, face God one day

- * Cost of this New Life – Relationship

- not with perishable things, but the ultimate cost

- * Reality of Where Your Hope Resides

- in God through Jesus and His death & resurrection

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So What

1. Is Your Mindset Open to Adjustment?
 - embracing the facts means life change!
 - are you practicing self control, setting your hope?
2. Is Growth in God Spelling Life Change in Practice?
 - glad obedience
 - honor brought to family name

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3. Will You Engage in Defining Holy?

- understanding and surrendering to God's call to it
- Living in obedience to what you are learning
- being a reflection of God's glory in our culture – world

4. Will You Keep the Stakes In Front of You?

- regular participation in communion
- regular review and redirection in time, money, practice
- regular reminders of where your hope really is!