



- 1 Peter 1



- Hide and Seek

- There's a base, that as long as you touch it, you're safe from being discovered
- Do we do this with God, that we think we can hide whatever we do from him, but if we are discovered we can proclaim "grace" and therefore be safe?
- "I know this is wrong, but I know that God is gracious and will forgive me, so I'm going to do it anyway."



- “Don't presume on God's grace.”
 - Romans 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?
 - Grace does not give us a license to sin and expect that there are no consequences
 - Romans 6:1-2 (ESV) 1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?



- It's not hard to see how we can easily end up trying to justify ourselves and presume on God's grace.
- But, I fear, there has also been for some an over reaction to this statement that is just as dangerous.
 - For some of us, we don't ever expect to receive God's grace at all.
 - We see ourselves as unworthy of God's grace, even though we have believed, been washed of our sins and have repented and continue to repent of our sins.
 - We just don't know ...
 - So we live in a constant fearfulness that we won't, in the end, have God's grace.



- We think that to have God's grace we must work for it, have perfect obedience (or as close as possible) — but we know we fail, so why would he be gracious to me?
- We look toward that day of judgment with fear and dread, assuming that Jehovah look on us with some level of tolerance, but we still wonder if we will be found acceptable, keeping our failures ever before us.
- Hebrews 12:29 for our God is a consuming fire.
- Peter wants us to set our hope full on God's grace!



Blessed be the God and Father

- Bless God: Mercy, Power, Grace, salvation, Inheritance
 - Elect exiles
- Having first focused our minds on how gracious our God is and reminding us to praise him
- Peter will remind us what is in our past and what we look forward to in the future.
- For most of this passage, though, he will remind us of how we are to live during this time of our exile.

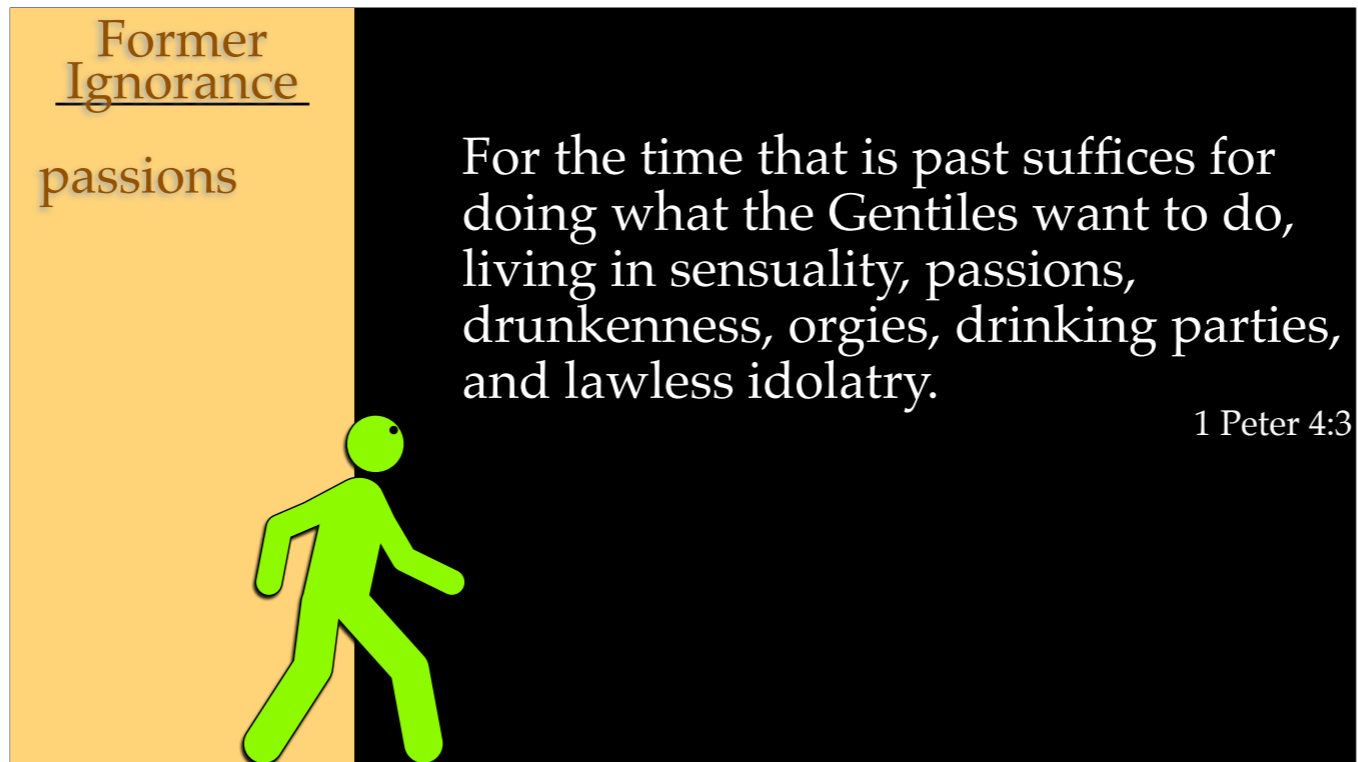
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 - 1 Peter 4:3 (ESV) 3 For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.
 - Titus 3:3 (ESV) 3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

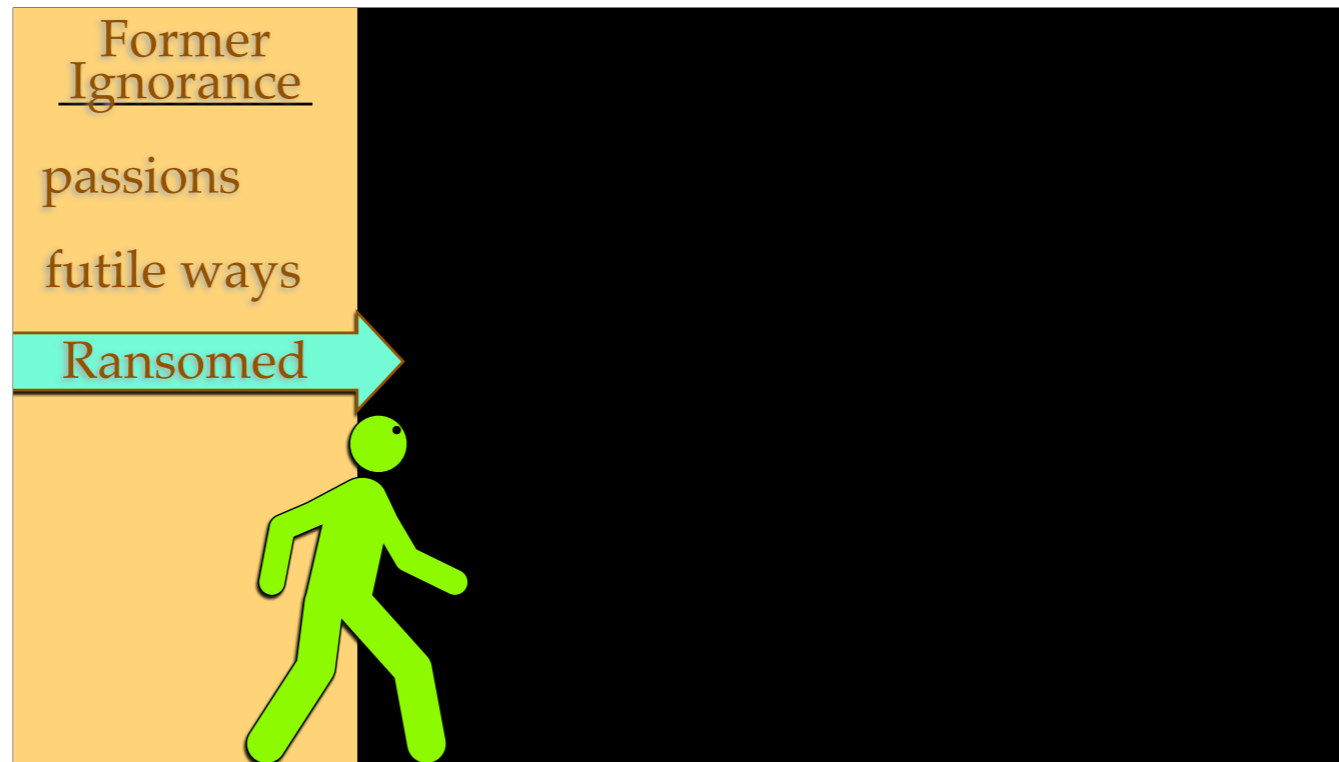
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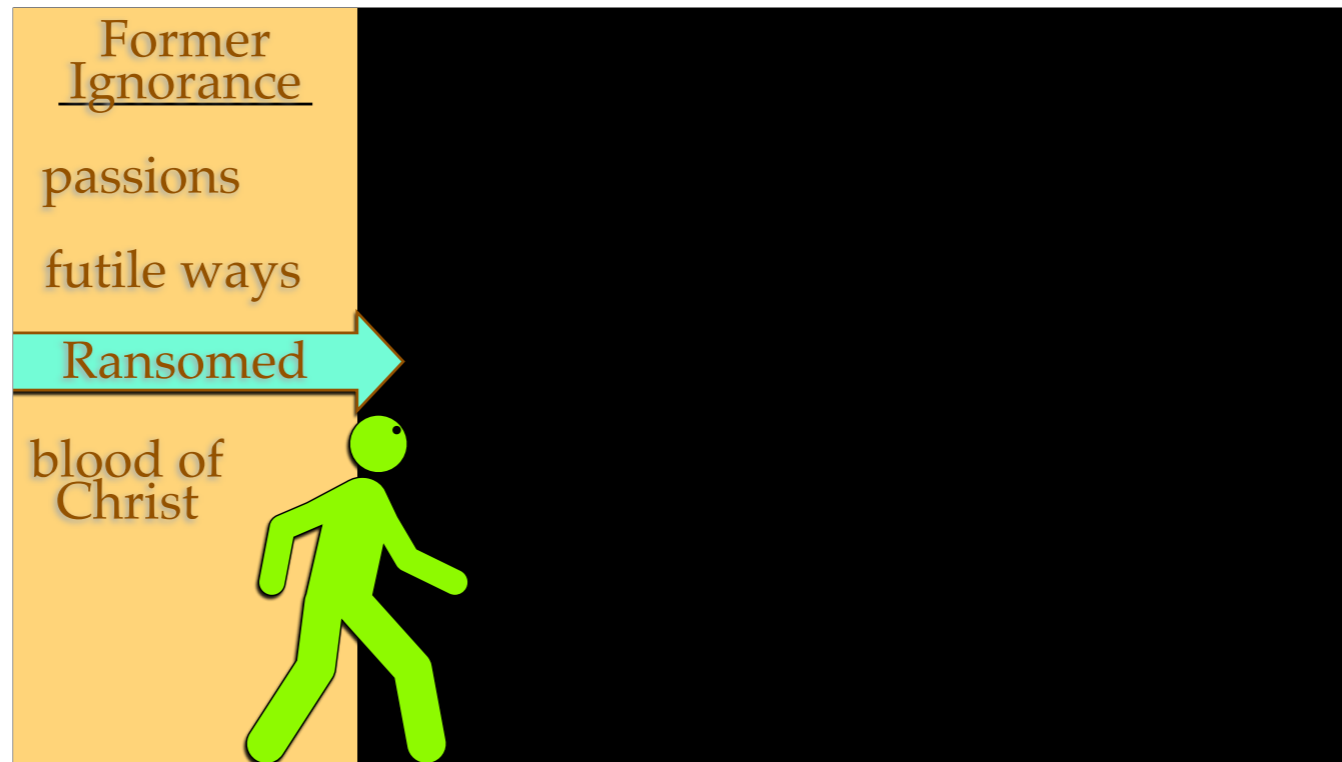
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Romans 1:21-23

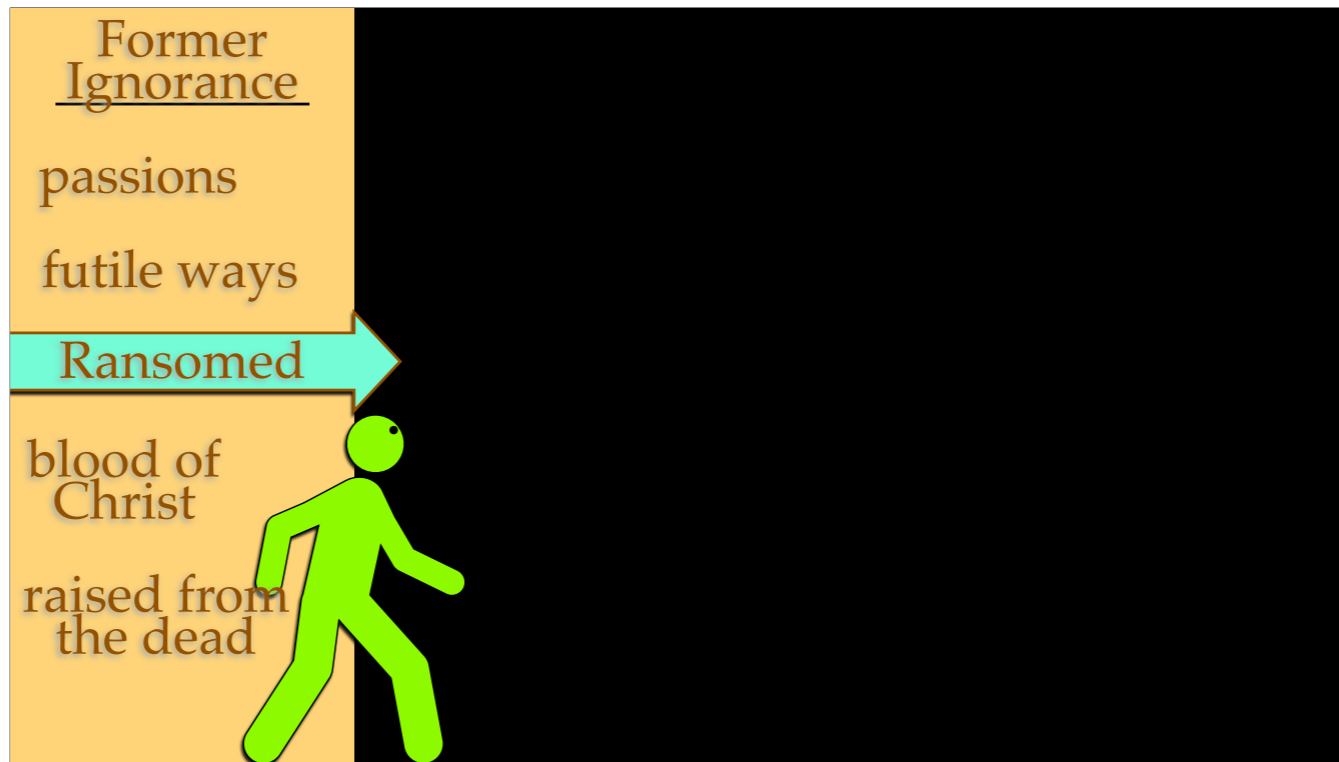
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- How did they try to save themselves? Works, money, sacrifices of children (extreme)



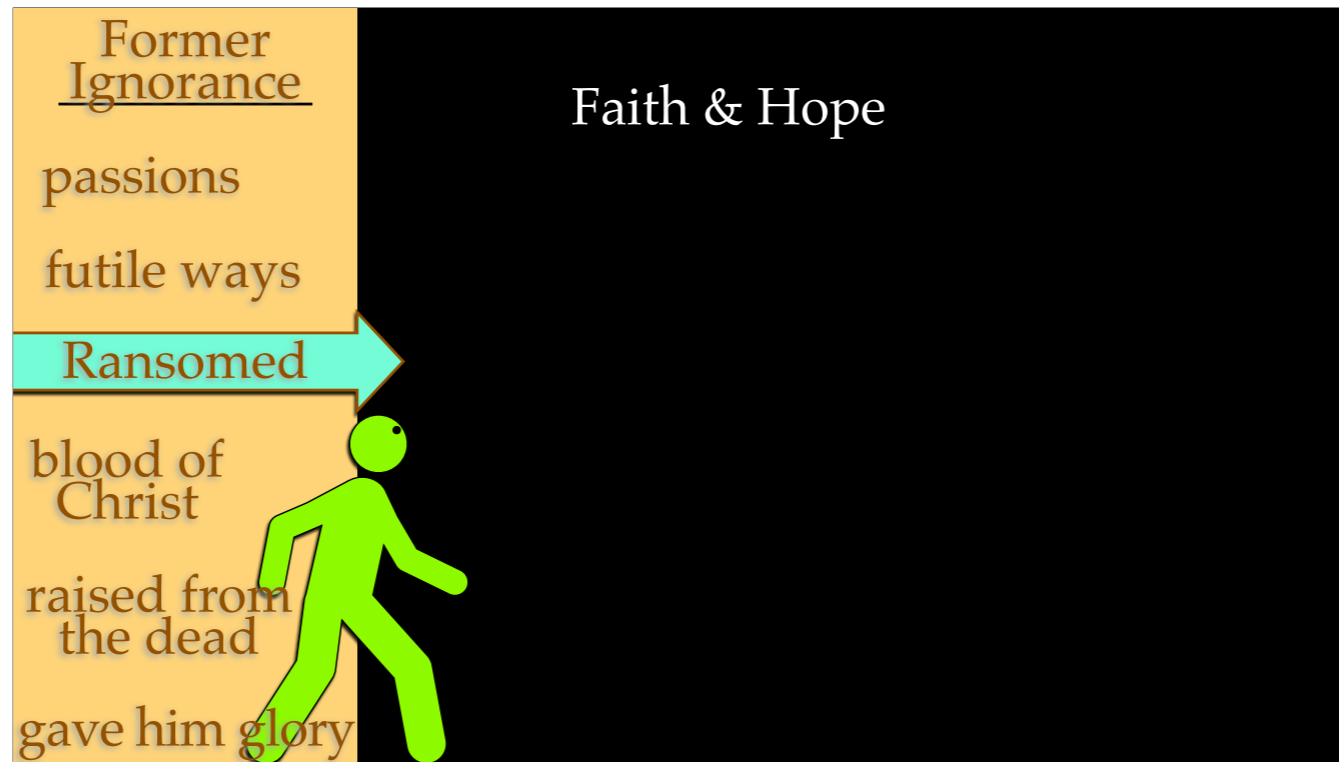
- 1 Peter 1:18 knowing that you were ransomed from **the futile ways** inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,
- ransomed (or redeemed)
- Mark 10:45 (ESV) 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



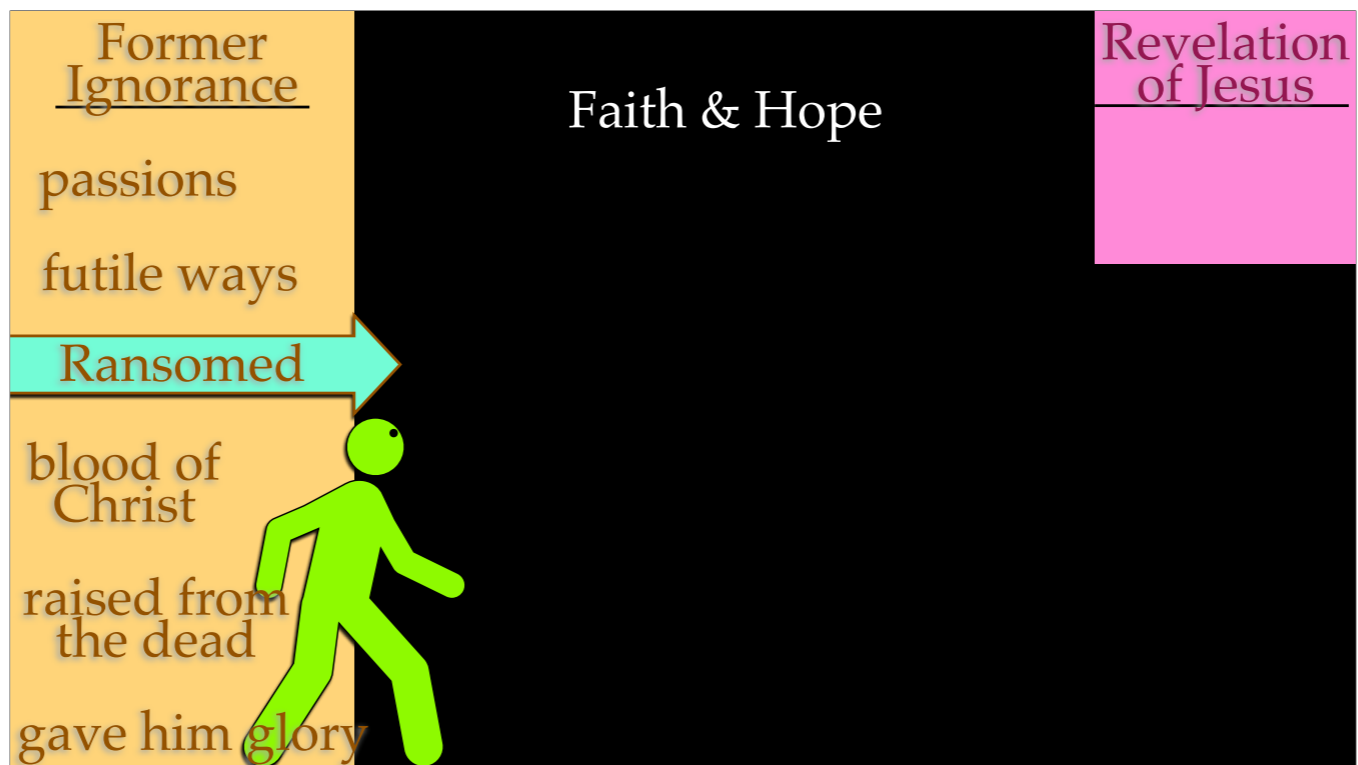
- 1 Peter 1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.



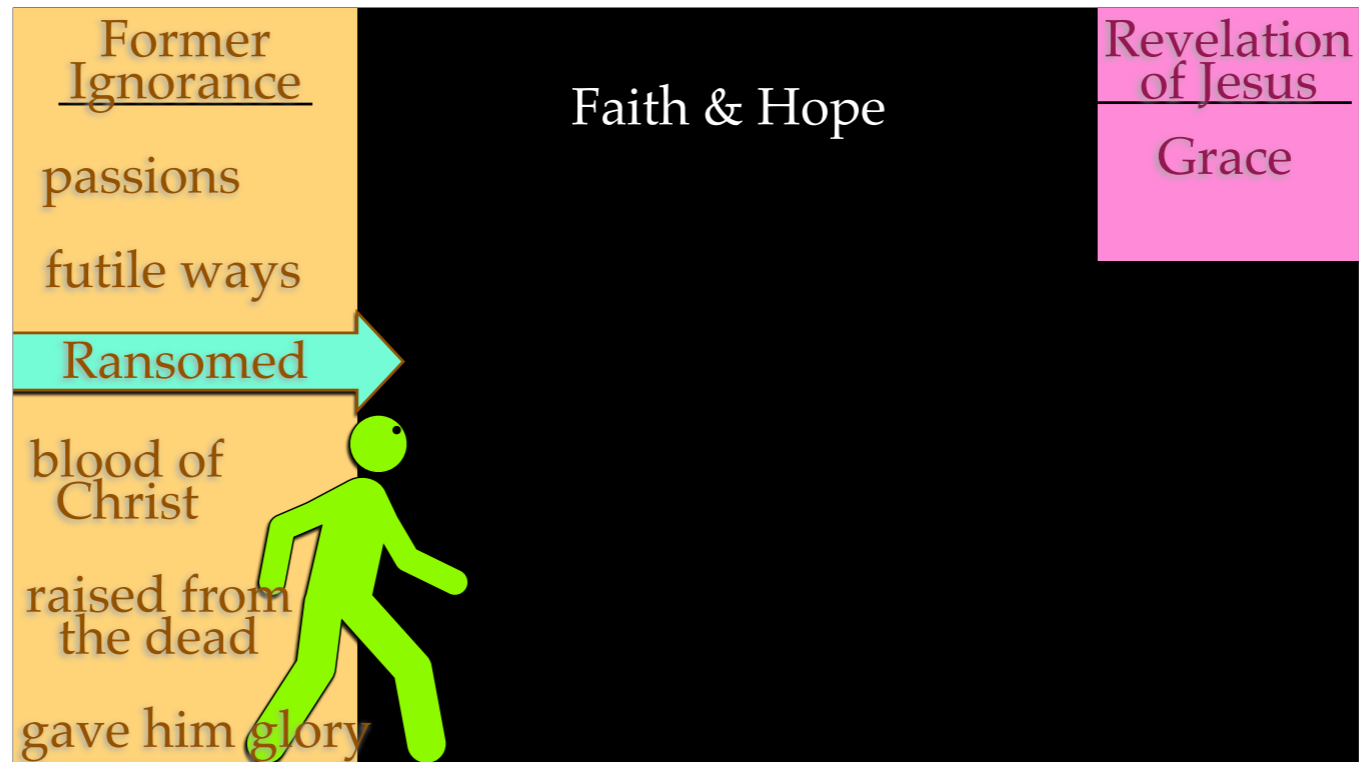
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- 1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV) to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 1 Peter 1:8-9 (ESV) rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



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 - note the relationship
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- 1 Peter 1:22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth
 - Truth
 - Contrast with the futile ways of their past



- 1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action
 - I like the present tense ... (girding your loins)
- Obedient children and Elect Exiles
 - Being a disciple of Jesus, a follower of Jesus is active.
 - It's not just a philosophy or a way of thinking or theory
 - It's not just a name we wear
 - Jesus was about what he did for us: love, serving
 - Excellence



- 1 Peter 1:14-16 (ESV)
 - 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,
 - 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
 - 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."
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- Not conformed to passions
 - Romans 12:2 (ESV) 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
 - Passions are very much about pleasing myself with little or no concern about others.
- Be holy like Jesus is holy
 - Jesus' conduct didn't always match what the people of his time defined as holy
 - Their idea of "holy" had more to do with their self defined righteousness, and it really wasn't holiness



- Holiness is not about arbitrary rules that others try to enforce based on their opinions
- Jesus didn't disobey God's laws about conduct or please himself, nor was he ruled by his pleasures
 - but others often looked at his behavior and claimed that it was not holy.
- But Jesus did talk to people who others didn't talk to, and helped people others didn't help, and went places other people didn't go
- His holiness was based on discerning God's will ... and he acted on that
 - Save souls because he loves souls



- Call on him as Father
 - 1 Peter 1:17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,
- "or call him your father"
- judges impartially
 - your deeds, your conduct, will be judged
- Your father is watching your actions ...
 - Are you working?
 - Are you mindful of accomplishing his will?



- Love One Another
 - 1 Peter 1:22 (ESV) 22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,
- Actively love each other
 - It's not just the souls of the lost that need our love, our time, our energy.
 - My brothers and sisters need my active love for them too.
 - And our father is watching.



- Put Away
 - 2:1 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.



- 1 Peter 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.
- watchful, circumspect
- TDNT: what is meant is the opposite of every kind of fuzziness. Sober judgment is highly valued in both individual and public life.
 - means acknowledgment of the reality of revelation and discharge of the resultant ministry in worship, hope, love, and conflict.



- 1 Peter 1:17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,
- fear
 - Do you respect your father for what he has done for you?
 - Do you respect your father's will?
 - Do you respect what he wants you to accomplish?
- throughout the time
 - shouldn't be spotty, on-off again



- 1 Peter 2:2-3 (ESV) 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk
- 1 Peter 1:22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth
- 1 Peter 1:23-25 (ESV)
 - 23 since you have been born again,
 - not of perishable seed but of imperishable,
 - through the living and abiding word of God;
 - 25 but the word of the Lord remains forever.”
 - And this word is the good news that was preached to you.



- Do you long for the wisdom, help, comfort, encouragement, strength, and hope you gain from studying God's word?
- When you come to the scriptures be sure that you're finding with in it the help you need to be sober minded.
 - Thinking clearly about God and his grace.
 - Thinking clearly about your life and your hope.



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- Romans 8:24-25 (ESV) 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
- Keeping in mind who God is — MERCY and POWER
- Keeping in mind our salvation — Ransomed and Chosen
- Keeping in mind that he is our father and we are his children
- You can depend on the God's grace when you continue as his obedient child.



- that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
- born again, infants, children -- grow up
 - Salvation is not about what I do, but about what Jehovah does for me
 - Gave his son, raised his son, glorified his son
 - You are chosen
- Grow up about your salvation ... it's very much about how you think
 - Are you ready for being an active follower of Jesus?
 - Are you thinking clearly about this life and the life to come
 - Is your hope on God's grace?

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

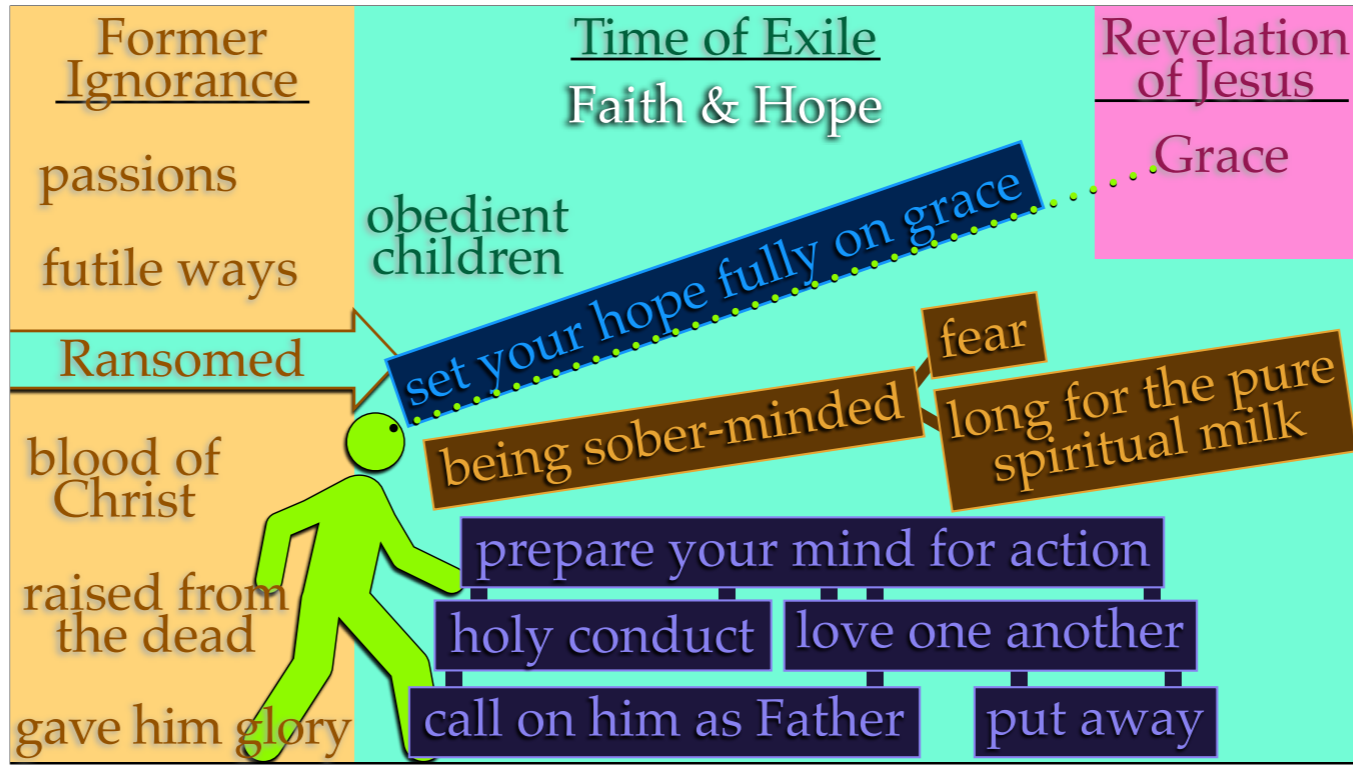
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Hoping on Grace

1 Peter 1:13 - 2:3

Synopsis: Because we have been ransomed through Jesus and we are anticipating the revelation of Jesus, Peter helps us understand three keys in how we spend our time in exile: 1) preparing your minds for action; 2) being sober-minded; and 3) having your hope set fully on God's grace.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”