

WHERE IS YOUR HOPE ANCHORED?

I. 1 Peter 1:13-25

A. Paul concludes 1 Cor. 13 by saying, "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." *These three* are often depicted symbolically with a cross, an anchor, and a heart. The author of Hebrews (see Heb. 6:19) says that hope is the anchor of our souls. The anchor has thus become a longstanding symbol of hope.

B. For many, hope is merely wishful thinking. 'I hope I get a good grade on my exam.' 'I hope I find a new job.' 'I hope the rain holds off.' But if our lives are anchored to mere wishes, they're far from secure. However, if our lives are anchored to Christ: His death, burial, and resurrection; His Word, His will, and His ways; upon the eternal life He bought with His blood, then our hope, as stated in the Common Book of Prayer, *is sure and certain*. Like Paul wrote in 1 Cor. 15:19 (NIV) "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied."

C. Last week we explored the effect of grace. Today we consider the effect of hope. We all must ask *Who* and *What* is the object of our hope? If hope is our anchor, to *Whom* and *What* is it attached? Otherwise our ships are certain to run aground. Peter, like Paul, ushers us in the same direction with regard to hope.

D. Peter had been a fisherman by trade. He'd been in storms on the Sea of Galilee. Perhaps the worst storm he endured was the one that prompted them to wake up a sleeping Jesus to calm it. Paul, on the other hand, was shipwrecked four times. Jonah had to be tossed overboard because of the storm caused by his disobedience and rebellion. As a preacher once put it, '*Some storms we must rebuke; from others we must seek shelter; and yet others we must endure.*' Hope in the midst of all three types of storms is necessary. The Bible tells us so...

E. 1 Peter 1:13-25 (ESV) is a text that is chock full of richness and truth...

1) **V13: 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. (The NIV says: "Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at His coming.")*

2) **V14: 14** *As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, (The Amplified on V14 says: "[Live] as obedient children [of God]; do not be conformed to the evil desires which governed you in your ignorance [before you knew the requirements and transforming power of the good news regarding salvation].")*

3) **V15-16: 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." (cf Lev. 11:44-45; 19:2)*

4) Let's pause and talk about holiness. Holiness is the absolute pure, undefiled perfection of God. God's total transcendent gloriousness beyond everything! He is set apart from all. God dwells in unapproachable light and utter absolute sinless perfection. **And we do not!** When Isaiah and John saw their respective visions and heard angelic beings sing, "*Holy, holy, holy,*" many attribute this to pure Trinitarian exaltation. "*Holy, holy, holy*" is known as the "*Trihagion.*" "*Trihagion*" means, "*Thrice Holy.*" John MacArthur posits in his sermon, "*Divine Holiness in the Flesh*": "He's never said to be loved, loved, loved, goodness, goodness, goodness, mercy, mercy, mercy, grace, grace, grace. When speaking of the consummate nature of God, He is holy, holy, holy."

5) So what about our call to holiness? Let's review: God became Man. And Jesus, as that Man, lived a pure and holy life. He was the Lamb without spot or blemish who went to the cross as the only acceptable sacrifice for our sin. His holiness has been imputed to us by faith, even as our sin was imputed to Him. The Holy Spirit has come to dwell in those who belong to Christ. The Holy Spirit not only regenerates us but is at work in us to make us holy, conforming us into the likeness of Christ. This is the redemptive process or sanctification. Jerry Bridges said: "We are 100 percent responsible for the pursuit of holiness, but at the same time we are 100 percent dependent upon the Holy Spirit to enable us in that pursuit. The pursuit of holiness is not a pull-yourself-up-by-your-own-bootstraps approach to the Christian life." (Handkerchief Illustration) **Is the anchor of your soul affixed to this?**

6) **V17: 17** *And if you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear (Gk: *phobos*; noun akin to the Gk verb, *phobeomai*, "Conduct yourselves a with reverent sense of awe, mindful of the holiness of God Almighty...") throughout the time of your exile, (Peter compares our limited time in this life as being in exile, away from our homeland. But one day this place of our current exile will be under the complete and fully actualized reign of the King of kings and Lord of lords. There's an old song: "*This world is not my home, I'm just passing through.*" But guess what: "*We'll be back!*" We'll return someday to resettle the new earth! This is the Land of our promised inheritance! **Is the anchor of your souls affixed to this?**)*

7) **V18-19: 18** knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. **(The more you grasp and understand Who ransomed you and at what cost, the more it will transform your thinking and likewise your doing! Should Hope not be the effect of this powerful truth?!)**

8) **V20-21: 20** He (**God the Son, Christ our Lord**) was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you **21** who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. **(Is your soul's anchor affixed to that which is short-lived or that which is forevermore?!)**

9) **V22-23: 22** Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, **23** since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; **(Peter's been hanging with John!)**

10) **V24-25: Now watch brevity juxtaposed with eternity: 24** for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, **25** but the Word of the Lord remains forever." **(cf Isaiah 40:6-8)** And this Word is the Good News that was preached to you.

F. Time is short. Is your faith and hope in our Most Holy God? Is it attached to the redemptive work of Christ? Can you cast the anchor of your souls upon His undeserved love (grace)? Can you affix it to His Word which remains forever? To His promises? Is your hope anchored where it needs to be? And what is the effect of that hope? How will it do in a storm? How will it do when tempted or enticed? Will people see it and ask about it? Is it sure and certain as twilight approaches?

* Close with Prayer...

Scriptures, Videos, & Bonus Stuff

1 Peter 1:13-25 (ESV)

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1 John 3:1-10 (ESV)

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. **2** Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. **3** And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure. **4** Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. **5** You know that He appeared in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. **6** No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. **7** Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous. **8** Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. **9** No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. **10** By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Excerpt by John MacArthur

(Revelation 4:8) "'Day and night...at the end of the verse...all these beings in Heaven do not cease to say, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty.'" And they are affirming in this trihagion, this repetition of the word holy, the

consummate character of God. He's never said to be loved, loved, loved, goodness, goodness, goodness, mercy, mercy, mercy, grace, grace, grace. When speaking of the consummate nature of God, He is holy, holy, holy. There in Heaven is a glimpse of the holiness of God. Admittedly, it is somewhat hard for us to grasp. It is somewhat transcendent. It is beyond our comprehension, as it was even beyond John's."

- John MacArthur, excerpt from sermon titled, "*Divine Holiness in Human Flesh*" March 14, 2004. To read or listen, go to: <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/80-283/divine-holiness-in-human-flesh>

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My Hope Is Built/The Solid Rock

Words: Edward Mote Tune: Solid Rock, William Bradbury, Circa 1863

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/m/y/h/myhopeis.htm>

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Film Clips & Other Links

"My Hope is Built" - The Norton Hall Band

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EVE-xXFDOWg>

Divine Holiness in Human Flesh - Sermon by John MacArthur (Written Text & Podcast)

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/80-283/divine-holiness-in-human-flesh>

Holy, Holy, Holy - Sermon by R.C. Sproul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgKzsZUmeBk>

God's Love is NOT Unconditional - R.C. Sproul & John MacArthur

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcOzTZUOBn0>

"All My Hope" - David Crowder and Tauren Wells

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tElvdnld4Q>

Bonus Stuff

Leviticus 11:44-45 (ESV)

44 For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground. **45** For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

Leviticus 19:2 (ESV)

2 “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

Isaiah 6:1-7 (ESV)

1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. **2** Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **3** And one called to another and said: “*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!*” **4** And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. **5** And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” **6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. **7** And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Revelation 4:1-11 (ESV)

1 After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “*Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.*” **2** At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne. **3** And He who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. **4** Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. **5** From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven Spirits of God, **6** and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: **7** the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. **8** And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “*Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!*” **9** And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, **10** the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who is seated on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, **11** “*Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.*”

Hebrews 9:11-14 (NKJV)

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. **12** Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. **13** For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, **14** how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **15** And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

2 Corinthians 5:1-5 (NLT)

1 For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God Himself and not by human hands. **2** We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. **3** For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies. **4** While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it’s not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. **5** God Himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee He has given us His Holy Spirit.

Philippians 3:20-21 (AMP)

20 But [we are different, because] our citizenship is in heaven. And from there we eagerly await [the coming of] the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21 who, by exerting that power which enables Him even to subject everything to Himself, will [not only] transform [but completely refashion] our earthly bodies so that they will be like His glorious resurrected body.

Committal Prayer - From the Common Book of Prayer

"In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother or sister, and we commit his/her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make His face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up His countenance upon him and give him peace. Amen."

Life After Death - The Westminster Confession

"The bodies of men, after death, return to dust, and see corruption: but their souls, which neither die nor sleep, having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them: the souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God, in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies. And the souls of the wicked are cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day. Beside these two places, for souls separated from their bodies, the Scripture acknowledges none."

- *The Westminster Confession*. (Chapter XXXII), 1646.

Quote by R.C. Sproul

"Hope is called the anchor of the soul (Hebrews 6:19), because it gives stability to the Christian life. But hope is not simply a 'wish' (I wish that such-and-such would take place); rather, it is that which latches on to the certainty of the promises of the future that God has made."

- R.C. Sproul, *The Purpose of God, An Exposition of Ephesians*, Christian Focus Publications, p. 40.

Quote by John C. Broger

"The hope that God has provided for you is not merely a wish. Neither is it dependent on other people, possessions, or circumstances for its validity. Instead, biblical hope is an application of your faith that supplies a confident expectation in God's fulfillment of His promises. Coupled with faith and love, hope is part of the abiding characteristics in a believer's life."

- John C. Broger (1913-2006) was a Navy Veteran, missionary, author, and radio producer/broadcaster.

Quote by John Calvin

"The word hope I take for faith; and indeed hope is nothing else but the constancy of faith."

Quote by Rex Rouis

"Hope is the raw material from which faith builds the house."

Sermon Excerpt from Pastor Steve

"So what kind of hope are we talking about? Hope as a word can be watered down drastically, depending on its object. In our day it may be nothing more than wishful thinking. We might hope for the Buckeyes to win their next game or hope to win the lottery or hope we have a great weekend getaway. But the Hope Peter is referring to is inseparable from the person of Jesus. Hope is the anchor of our souls if indeed it's latched securely onto Christ. When Peter refers to you being asked about the Hope within you, he's ultimately talking about a Person. Charles Spurgeon puts it simply and superbly: "Without Christ there is no hope."

- Excerpt from Pastor's Steve's sermon titled, "*The Hope Within You*," September 24, 2017.

Quote by Charles Spurgeon

"In holiness God is more clearly seen than in anything else, save in the Person of Christ Jesus the Lord, of whose life such holiness is but a repetition."

Quote by A.A. Hodge

"The holiness of God is not to be conceived of as one attribute among others. It is rather a general term representing the conception of God's consummate perfection and total glory."

Quote by Sam Storms

"The holiness of God only secondarily refers to His moral purity, His righteousness of character. It primarily points to His infinite otherness. To say that God is holy is to say that He is transcendentally separate. Holiness is not one attribute

among many. It is not like grace or power or knowledge or wrath. Everything about God is holy. Each attribute partakes of divine holiness."

Quote by Jerry Bridges

"Holiness is the perfection of all [God's] other attributes. His power is holy power, His mercy is holy mercy, His wisdom is holy wisdom. It is His holiness more than any other attribute that makes Him worthy of our praise."

Quote by John MacArthur

"When you say that God is holy, you are really defining God in all His fullness. Holiness is God's infinite perfection at every point. It is not just His moral perfection. It is His perfect intelligence, His perfect power, and His perfect everything else that makes Him God."

Quote by R.C. Sproul

"We tend to have mixed feelings about the holy. There is a sense in which we are at the same time attracted to it and repulsed by it. Something draws us toward it, while at the same time we want to run away from it. We can't seem to decide which way we want it. Part of us yearns for the holy, while part of us despises it. We can't live with it, and we can't live without it."

- R.C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God*, Tyndale Publishing, p.42.

What Does it Mean that God is Holy, Holy, Holy?

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<https://www.gotquestions.org/holy-holy-holy.html>

Question: *"What does it mean that God is holy, holy, holy?"*

Answer: The phrase "holy, holy, holy" appears twice in the Bible, once in the Old Testament ([Isaiah 6:3](#)) and once in the New ([Revelation 4:8](#)). Both times, the phrase is spoken or sung by heavenly creatures, and both times it occurs in the vision of a man who was transported to the throne of God: first by the prophet Isaiah and then by the apostle John. Before addressing the three-fold repetition of God's holiness, it's important to understand what exactly is meant by God's holiness.

The holiness of God is the most difficult of all God's attributes to explain, partly because it is one of His essential attributes that is not shared, inherently, by man. We are created in God's image, and we can share many of His attributes, to a much lesser extent, of course—love, mercy, faithfulness, etc. But some of God's attributes, such as omnipresence, omniscience, and omnipotence, will never be shared by created beings. Similarly, holiness is not something that we will possess as an inherent part of our nature; we only become holy in relationship to Christ. It is an imputed holiness. Only in Christ do we "become the righteousness of God" ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)). God's holiness is what separates Him from all other beings, what makes Him separate and distinct from everything else. God's holiness is more than just His perfection or sinless purity; it is the essence of His "other-ness," His transcendence. God's holiness embodies the mystery of His awesomeness and causes us to gaze in wonder at Him as we begin to comprehend just a little of His majesty.

Isaiah was a firsthand witness of God's holiness in his vision described in [Isaiah 6](#). Even though Isaiah was a prophet of God and a righteous man, his reaction to the vision of God's holiness was to be aware of his own sinfulness and to despair for his life ([Isaiah 6:5](#)). Even the angels in God's presence, those who were crying, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty," covered their faces and feet with four of their six wings. Covering the face and feet no doubt denotes the reverence and awe inspired by the immediate presence of God ([Exodus 3:4-5](#)). The seraphim stood covered, as if concealing themselves as much as possible, in recognition of their unworthiness in the presence of the Holy One. And if the pure and holy seraphim exhibit such reverence in the presence of the Lord, with what profound awe should we, polluted and sinful creatures, presume to draw near to Him! The reverence shown to God by the angels should remind us of our own presumption when we rush thoughtlessly and irreverently into His presence, as we often do because we do not understand His holiness.

John's vision of the throne of God in [Revelation 4](#) was similar to that of Isaiah. Again, there were living creatures around the throne crying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty" ([Revelation 4:8](#)) in reverence and awe of the Holy One. John goes on to describe these creatures giving glory and honor and reverence to God continually around His throne. Interestingly, John's reaction to the vision of God in His throne is different from Isaiah's. There is no record of John falling down in terror and awareness of his own sinful state, perhaps because John had already encountered the risen Christ at the beginning of his vision ([Revelation 1:17](#)). Christ had placed His hand upon John and told him not to be

afraid. In the same way, we can approach the throne of grace if we have the hand of Christ upon us in the form of His righteousness, exchanged for our sin at the cross ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)).

But why the three-fold repetition “holy, holy, holy” (called the trihagion)? The repetition of a name or an expression three times was quite common among the Jews. In [Jeremiah 7:4](#), the Jews are represented by the prophet as saying, “The temple of the Lord” three times, expressing their intense confidence in their own worship, even though it was hypocritical and corrupt. [Jeremiah 22:29](#), [Ezekiel 21:27](#), and [2 Samuel 18:33](#) contain similar three-fold expressions of intensity. Therefore, when the angels around the throne call or cry to one another, “Holy, holy, holy,” they are expressing with force and passion the truth of the supreme holiness of God, that essential characteristic which expresses His awesome and majestic nature.

In addition, the trihagion expresses the triune nature of God, the three Persons of the Godhead, each equal in holiness and majesty. Jesus Christ is the Holy One who would not “see decay” in the grave, but would be resurrected to be exalted at the right hand of God ([Acts 2:26](#); [13:33-35](#)). Jesus is the “Holy and Righteous One” ([Acts 3:14](#)) whose death on the cross allows us to stand before the throne of our holy God unashamed. The third Person of the trinity—the Holy Spirit—by His very name denotes the importance of holiness in the essence of the Godhead.

Finally, the two visions of the angels around the throne crying, “Holy, holy, holy,” clearly indicates that God is the same in both testaments. Often we think of the God of the Old Testament as a God of wrath and the God of the New Testament as a God of love. But Isaiah and John present a unified picture of our holy, majestic, awesome God who does not change ([Malachi 3:6](#)), who is the same yesterday, today and forever ([Hebrews 13:8](#)), and “with whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning” ([James 1:17](#)). God’s holiness is eternal, just as He is eternal.

Recommended Resource: [The Holiness of God by R.C. Sproul](#)

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