

AN UNSHAKABLE HOPE
RESPONDING TO THE HOPE OF CHRIST | 1 PETER 2:21-27
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For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. – 1 Peter 2:21-25

Hope requires a response.

What motivates our hope?
Jesus' suffering

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Jesus suffered by being:

- Mocked
- Rejected
- Beaten
- Crucified

What happens when we lose sight of the cross?

- We take grace for granted.
- We become self-centered.
- We become tolerant of sin.
- We become less willing to sacrifice for others.
- We lose perspective on what is important.

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.
– 1 John 3:16

If we lose sight of the cross, we will eventually lose sight of the Jesus we follow.

What shapes our hope?
Jesus' character

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. – 1 Peter 2:22



What challenges our hope?

Jesus' refusal to retaliate

When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. – 1 Peter 2:23

he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. – Matthew 9:24

And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him." – Mark 6:2–3

Do not let someone else's sin decide your response. Give it all to God.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." – Romans 12:19

The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." – Exodus 14:14

What is the source of our hope?

Jesus' atoning sacrifice and His watchful care

Jesus' atoning sacrifice

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. – 1 Peter 2:24

Old Testament: Atonement, kaphar, means "to cover" or "to cancel" an offense.

In the New Testament: Atonement, katallagē, means "reconciliation" or "restoration."

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
– 1 John 2:2

and are being justified [declared free of the guilt of sin, made acceptable to God, and granted eternal life] as a gift by His [precious, undeserved] grace, through the redemption [the payment for our sin] which is [provided] in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God displayed publicly [before the eyes of the world] as a [life-giving] sacrifice of atonement and reconciliation (propitiation) by His blood [to be received] through faith. – Romans 3:24–25a (AMP)

And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose.
– Acts 9:34



His watchful care

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If you live in the hope of Christ, everyone else will know it.