

Sunday, January 24, 2021
"Hope-Filled Living"
Summary of The Obedience of Hope I
1 Peter 1:13-21
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Ed Clowney aptly noted, "The imperatives [commands] of Christian living always begin with 'therefore.'" In the grammar of the gospel, the indicative (fact/truth) of what God has done for us (and in us) precedes the imperative (commands) of what we are called to do for him. 'Without the indicative of what God does, the imperative is addressed to a helpless sinner; it becomes a commandment that crushes or that drives to vain and presumptuous efforts.' Our hope is God's gift, an inheritance created for us by Christ's resurrection. Because we have been given this hope, we are called to live in it. We are called to the obedience of hope, hope that is marked by readiness and holiness. Hope is our response to God's work. Holiness is the life lived in response to this hope.



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