

Good vision is important, we need spiritual eyes to see. We are to set our minds on things above not on things on the earth, Col. 3:2.

**3 Ways Spiritual Vision Leads to Transformed Living:**

- 1) **Mandate:** 1 Pet. 1:13, “fix hope completely.” “Fix” is a command given by Peter. 1 Pet. 5:12, Peter tells us that the grace of God enables us to live in difficult places and be able to stand. 1 Pet. 1:3, mercy has been given to us. 1 Pet. 2:10, “now have obtained mercy.” 1 Pet. 4:1-6, we should have the same mind as Christ who suffered in the flesh. 1 Pet. 2:21, we were called to suffer. 1 Pet. 3:18, Christ suffered for sins to bring us to God. Suffering in this world is for our benefit, 1 Pet. 5:10. Trials are okay for the believer, for His glory, 1 Pet. 5:11.
  - a. We should have Biblical Hope in God’s Mandate: Biblical hope brings full confidence and rest in God’s Word, Prov. 10:28, Ps. 146:5, Ps. 84:12, 1 Tim. 4:10. The reason for our hope is that the object of our hope is Christ. 1 Pet. 1:10-12, prophets searched for Christ and within them (prophets) the Spirit of Christ was testifying of the sufferings He would endure for the glory that followed (making us sons, 1 John 3:2).
  
- 2) **Method:** by our mindset, how we think. V13, “girded minds for action,” “be sober in spirit.” How do we fix our hope?
  - a. Girded up my mind for action: NKJV says, “gird up the loins of your mind,” means to keep your working clothes on, to be engaged, to use your mind to think through decisions, and not relax. Without truth in my thinking, my thinking is weak. I need to fill my mind with truth.
  - b. Being sober in spirit: an example would be a time traveler on the Titanic. Sober is someone made aware by fear or danger around. 1 Pet. 4:4, you don’t run with those walking in the darkness of 1 Pet. 4:3. Different thinking leads to different living. Col. 3:2 commands us to set our minds on things above.
  
- 3) **Motive:** V13 continues, “the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” “Is to be brought” is present tense, being brought to you. 1 Pet. 1:3, mercy we’ve received. 1:8, love for our Savior. 2:12, glorify God because of our good works. 1 Pet. 5:10, the blessing of Christ’s finishing work and current sanctification in our lives is to perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

**Applications to Strengthen our Hope and Fixing our Mind upon our Savior in Truth:**

1. Reading Scripture: to see Christ in John and Hebrews, etc.
2. Listen to Sermons on our Savior: grow in the knowledge of Jesus’ character/person.
3. Learn Hymns: speak and sing them in our homes, Eph. 5:18-21.
4. Tell Someone of Your Hope: evangelize the lost, tell others of your saving faith.
5. Purify your Vision live a life of faith and repentance, 1 Pet. 2:1-3.
6. Be with God’s People: Assemble and see the blessings of fellowship with God’s people, Ps. 73:17, 23-24.
7. Be Heavenly Minded: 1 John 3:2-3, looking forward to seeing Christ, we purify ourselves.

## Further Discussion and Application

How does God show His love for us in trials and discipline? What are the blessings of 1 Peter 5:10 that have been given to you through your Christian life that have given you great confidence in the Lord's work in your life? What work has God done in you so that you would stand?

How would you disciple a believer who needed to properly order their understanding of Scripture? What are the attributes of God and the trials that you have been through that have strengthened your faith? What truths of Scripture act as a foundation for you?

What is a believer commanded to do? What would you tell a new believer to be sure to do to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ (2 Pet. 1:1-11)? What activities, ministries, or small groups should they join? How should they serve to grow in their walk with Christ? Would you encourage them to serve as ushers or greeters? How would you direct them to so they might build relationships? How important is hearing the preached Word of God for their sanctification?

Compare and contrast what is happening in the world today with what Scripture tells us is happening in the world? How do we remain spotless and blameless in this world? How do we honor Christ and continue faithfully following Him? What is the current state of the world and how prevalent is the darkness in it? According to 1 Pet. 2:21-25, what was our state apart from Christ? What example did Jesus demonstrate to us when He didn't revile, threaten, and bore our sins? What humility and posture of the heart can we demonstrate to continue being sanctified?