

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

A) Gird up the loins of your mind (**gird** = to clothe, to bind, to surround):

- *And **be not conformed to this world**: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God* (Romans 12:2).
- *Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. **Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus*** (Philippians 2:2-5).
- *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things*** (Philippians 4:8).

B) Be sober (**sober** = temperate, not under the influence of passion, not wild):

- *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. **But his delight is in the law of the LORD**; and in his law doth he meditate day and night* (Psalm 1:1-2).
- ***He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls*** (Proverbs 25:28).
- *Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil**, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour* (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:8).

C) Hope to the end:

- *But they that **wait upon the LORD** shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint* (Isaiah 40:31).
- *For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do **we with patience wait for it*** (Romans 8:24-25).
- *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto **a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you* (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:3-4).

14-15 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

A) Remain obedient:

- *Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and **keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway*** (Deuteronomy 11:1).

B) Leave the old man and his sins behind (the old mouth, the old eyes, the old thoughts, ect...):

- *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: **old things are passed away**; behold, all things are become new* (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17).

- *That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye **put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness** (Ephesians 4:22-24).*

#### 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Sanctify yourself wholly for God (**sanctify** = set apart for God's use):

- *For I am the LORD your God: ye shall **therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy**: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy (Leviticus 11:44-45).*
- *And the very God of peace **sanctify you wholly**; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:23).*

#### 17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear:

A) Equality with God ("we are all at the foot of the cross"):

- *For there is **no respect of persons** with God (Romans 2:11).*

B) Judgment (is certain):

- *For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:10).*

C) Fear the LORD (without ceasing):

- ***The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether (Psalm 19:9).***
- ***The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding (Proverbs 9:10).***

#### 18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as silver and gold*, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

A) We are not redeemed corruptible things:

- *For it is not possible that **the blood of bulls and of goats** should take away sins (Hebrews 10:4).*

B) We are redeemed by Christ, through His blood:

- *How much more shall **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Hebrews 9:14).*

#### 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Before all things, Christ created us for fellowship and holiness:

- *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that **we should be holy and without blame** before him in love (Ephesians 1:3-4).*

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

In Christ's resurrection, our hope is established to live holy until He returns:

- *Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof **he hath given assurance unto all men**, in that he hath raised him from the dead (Acts 17:31).*