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Conduct
Becoming A CHRISTIAN

1 PETER 1:13-21¹

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- * Certain Standards of Ethical Conduct Demanded & Expected In Government, Business', Education, Organizations, etc.
- * Implies Recognized Importance of Example & Influence Needed In All Who Represent . . .

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- * Election, sanctification, and sprinkling of Jesus' blood - 2
- * Born again to a living hope - 3
- * Incorrputible inheritance, - 4
- * The assurance of God's power to save the faithful - 5
- * Confidence in God's power produces joy even in the midst of trial - 6-9
- * The great value of “the grace” that has come to us - 10-12



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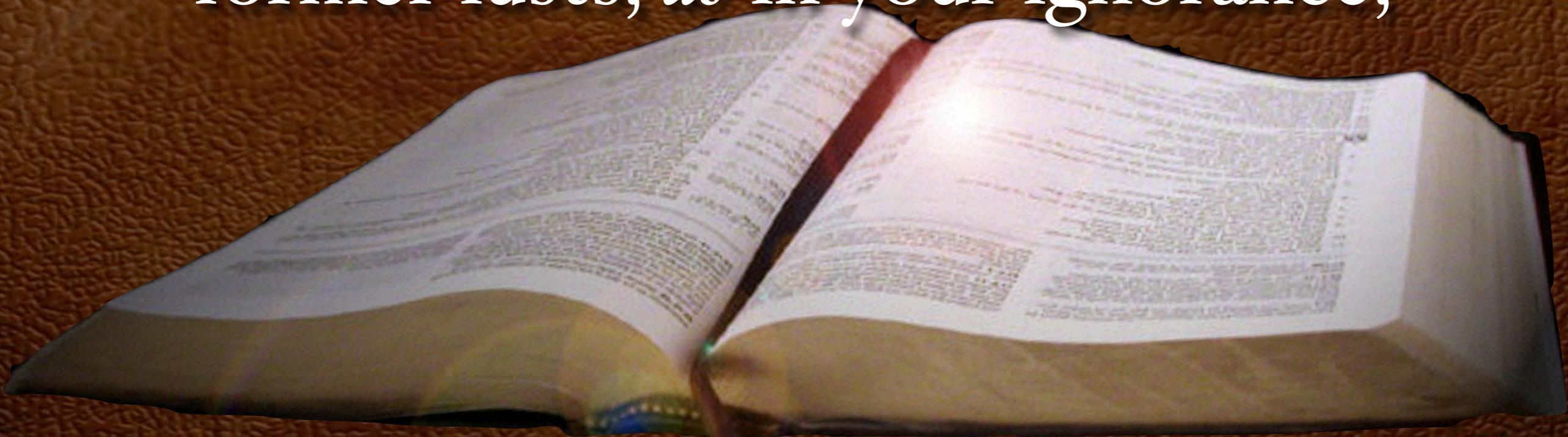
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- * Trusting God, Living an Obedient, Transformed & Holy Life (1:13-16)
- * Conducting Ourselves In Reverence & Godly Fear - (1:17)
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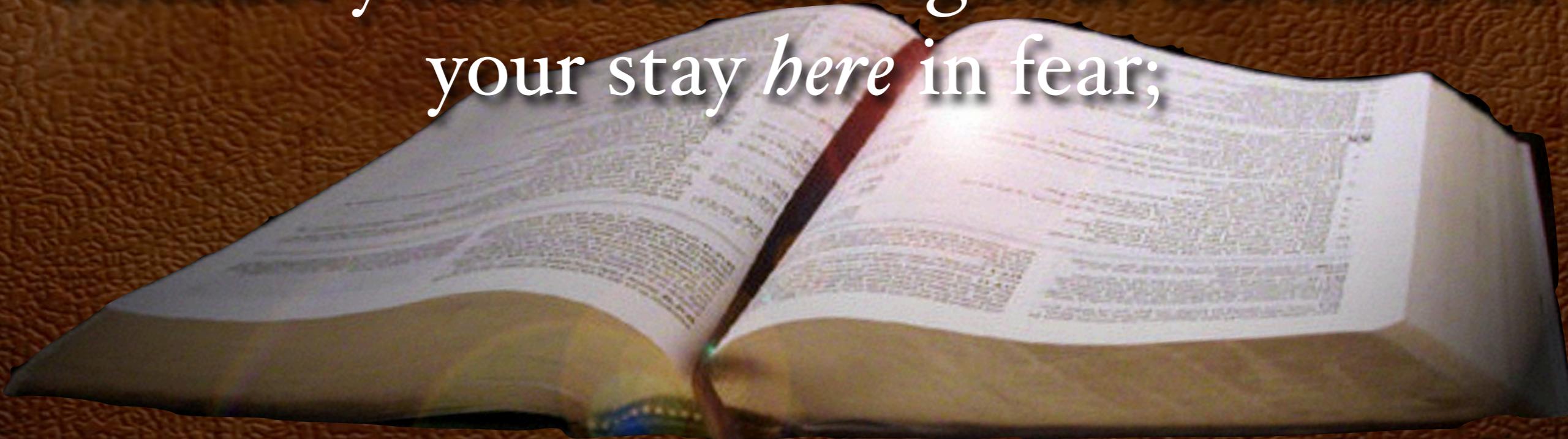
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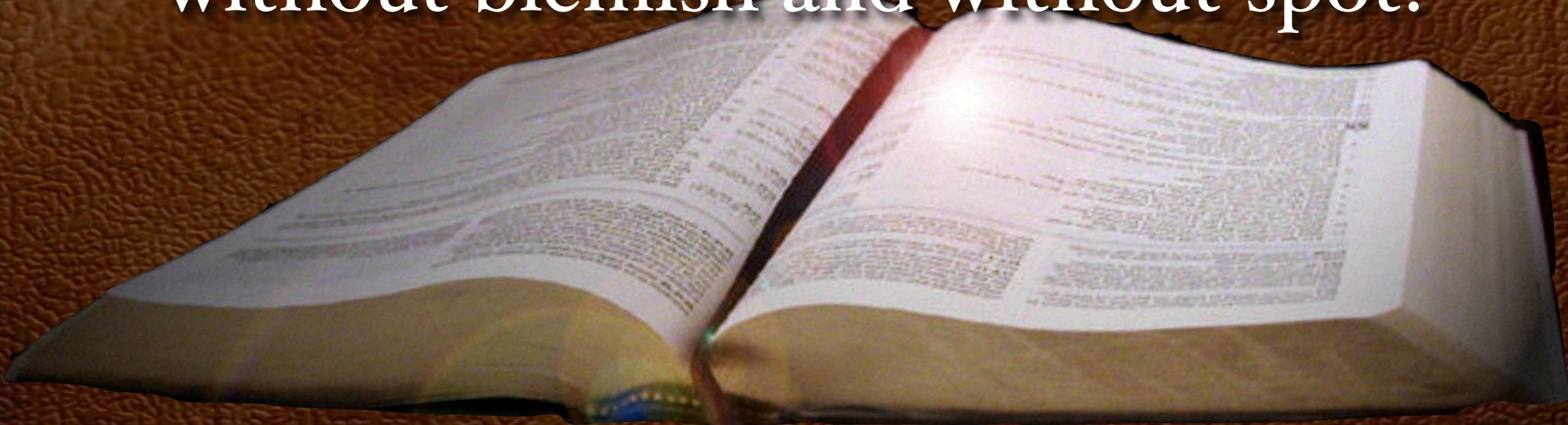
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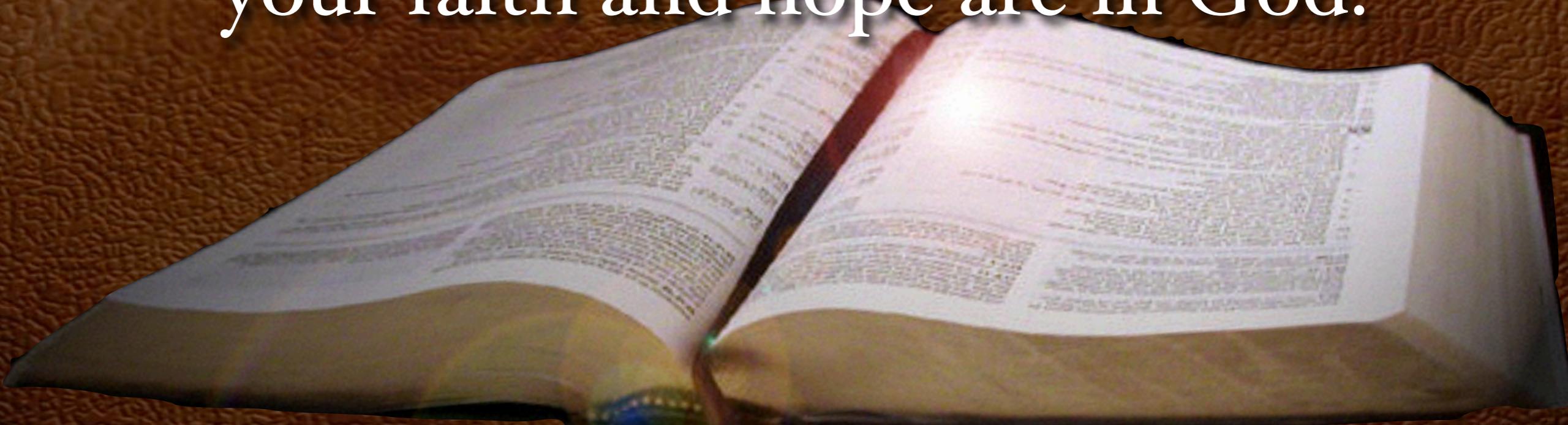
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- * “*Gird up the loins of your mind*” - Exhortation to Watchfulness / Preparedness / Busyness - Exodus 12:11; Luke 12:35; 17:8
- * Remove everything from our minds that may restrict us in our journey from where we are to the attainment of our HOPE! - Luke 8:14; 21:34,35; Eph 6:10-18; Heb 12:1-3
- * Be ready to act - Eph 2:10; Tit 2:15

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- * “*Be sober*” - Exhortation to be “Be self-controlled” (4:7; 5:8; 1 Thes. 5:6, 8).
- * This word *nēphontes*, from the verb *nēphō* (“*be sober*”) is used figuratively meaning "to be calm and collected in spirit, to be temperate, dispassionate, circumspect" - (Eph 5:15-18; Rom 13:13)
- * Rather than being controlled by outside circumstances & emotions believers should be directed by God’s word - (1:22-2:2; Eph 5:8-18; 2 Tim 3:16,17)

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- * “rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you” - the main point of this verse - The other exhortations which precede it are subsidiary
- * Set our hope on the unmerited favor we will receive when Jesus comes again!
 - ★ “Inheritance reserved in heaven” - I Pe 1:4
 - ★ "Salvation ready to be revealed" - I Pe 1:5
 - ★ "Praise, honor, and glory" - I Pe 1:7
 - ★ "End of your faith - salvation" - I Pe 1:9

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- * Peter is exhorting us to be determined in making our hope one that is complete, strong, & unwavering by . . . “Girding up the mind” – “Soberness” – and “TRUSTING GOD”
- * Strengthening our hope is essential to enduring the trials of life & living joyful, victorious lives as Christians!
- * We may have hope, but it is easy to be preoccupied with the affairs of this life, causing our hope to be weak & shallow

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To remain faithful to the Lord, we need to Free our minds of those things which would weaken our faith, divert our focus from our goal, and hinder us from being more serious about the kind of lives our Heavenly Father would have us live and the work He has given to us!

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- * We “Set Our Hope” upon God’s grace by having faith enough to obey Him.
- * We obey God only by obeying His Son - Mt 17:5; Dt 18:19; Ac 3:22,23; Heb 1:1,2; Col 3:17
- * Obedience is essential to our salvation - disobedience will result in eternal condemnation, (no hope) - Heb 5:8,9; Ro 2:5-10; 2 Thes 1:7-9; Ep 5:6; Jn 3:36

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- * We “Set Our Hope” upon God’s grace by having faith enough to obey Him.
- * Obedient children ($\tauέκνα \upsilon\piακοης$). (lit., “children of obedience”) are to mold their character after the pattern of Him who had called them - Ep 5:1
- * Our obedience MUST extend deeper than our deeds - Even to every thought - 2 Cor 10:5; Mat 5:27-30; Is 55:7; 59:7; Jer 4:14; Mat 15:19; Col. 3:1-3

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- * Negatively: “Not conforming yourselves to” (also used in Rom. 12:2) the evil desires of their past sinful lives (Eph. 2:3; Titus 3:1,2), when they were ignorant of God (cf. Eph. 4:18).
- * Do not revert back to your sinful habits, mannerisms, dress, and speech, which you did before you became Christians through the knowledge of the truth. (2 Peter 2:20-22; Hos 4:6)

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- * We are called by God, Who is holy, to be like Him - 2:9; 1 Thes 4:3-7; Eph 5:1-7; Lev 11:44; 19:2; 20:7; Amos 3:3.
- * To be "holy" means that we are "set apart" from sin and dedicated to God - 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Rom 12:1-3
- * We are commanded to be holy - Tit 2:11-14; 2 Cor 7:1; Heb 12:14

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- *Our daily life, our entire conduct is to be "set apart" in service to the Lord - Rom 12:1; 2 Cor 6:14-7:1; 1 Jn 3:1-3
- *Can it be said of our lives, that we are holy in all our thoughts, words and deeds?

Conducting Ourselves In Reverence & Godly Fear - (I:17)

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17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;

- * Obedient children know the holy nature and just character of the One who judges ... impartially. - Rom 2:5-11; Col 3:25; Deut 10:17
- * Their right to call God Father leads to their obeying Him in reverent fear. - Phili 2:12; Ps 2:11; Isa 66:2,5; Heb 4:1; 12:28,29; Mat 10:28

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- * “Reverent fear” is evidenced by a tender conscience, a watchfulness against temptation, and avoiding things that would displease God. - 2:11; Prov 14:16; 28:14;
- * We are to live according to God's absolute standards, in contrast to the world's shifting, situational ethics - I Pet 1:24,25; Ps 119:89

Responding To The Price of Our Redemption With Gratitude - (I:18-21)

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18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

- * Another motive to reverential, vigilant fear of displeasing God, recognizing & appreciating the costly price of our redemption from sin.
- * Gold and silver, being liable to corruption themselves, can free no one from the bondage of sin & death - Rom 6:23; Psalm 49:7,8

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- * We are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ - Mat. 20:28; 26:28; Ac. 20:28; Ep. 1:7; Col. 1:14; He. 9:12–14; Rev 1:5; 5:9
- * Christ was sinless, uniquely qualified as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” - John 1:29; cf. Heb. 9:14.

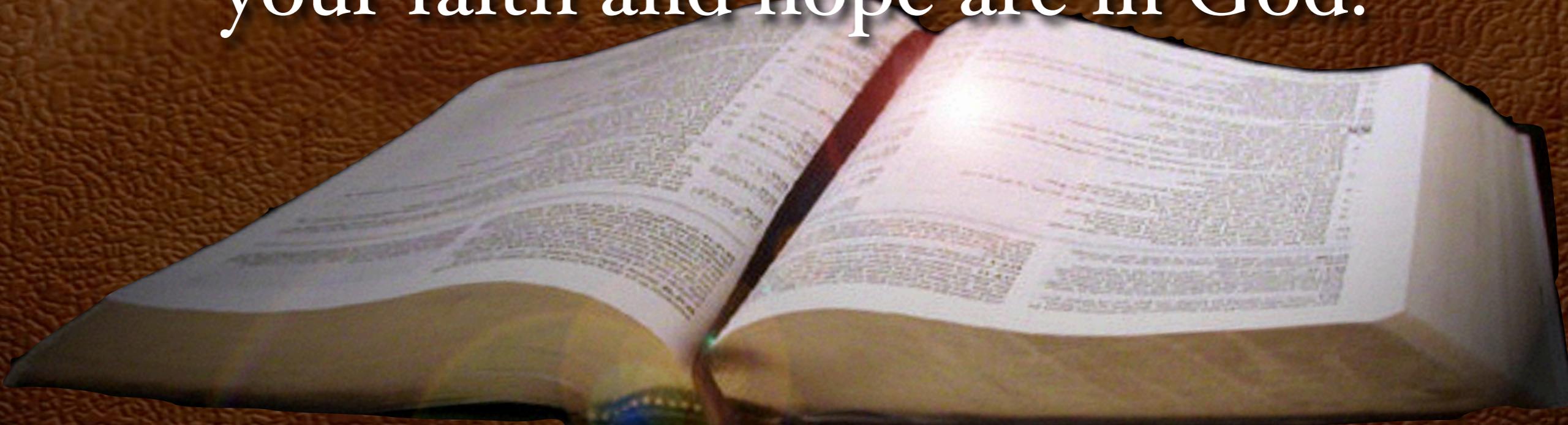
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- * One who esteems & appreciates the sacrifice of Jesus will live an obedient, reverential, holy life - 2:4,6,7; 2 Cor. 10:14,15
- * What then would a life of disobedience & irreverence manifest? And what will be the end of such a life? - cf. He 10:26-31

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Have You Been Born Again
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Does Your Conduct Reflect It?

- ◆ Purposeful Conduct
- ◆ Transformed Conduct
- ◆ Reverential Conduct
- ◆ Appreciative Conduct

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Ephesians 5:1-18 (NKJV)

1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. **2** And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. **3** But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

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4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. **5** For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. **6** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

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⁷ Therefore do not be partakers with them. ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. ¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

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12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. **13** But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. **14** Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.”

Ephesians 5:1-18 (NKJV)

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,