

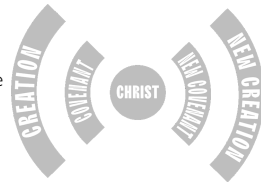
2 TRANSFORMING HOPE

13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you. 21 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

1. Let's start with the basic thrust of this passage. What must we leave behind? (1:14,2:1) What must we put in its place? (1:22)
2. This passage begins with "therefore". How does last week's passage motivate the life-change commanded by this one? (note 1:21)
3. What further motivation for change does v17 provide?
4. How firm is your belief in the future judgment and hope in future glory? DO they motivate you to obey God in the hard times now?

V15-16 transfers the central command of [Leviticus](#) from God's people in Episode 2 - Israel - to God's people in Episode 4 - Christians. That follows, since just as God redeemed Israel from Egypt by the sacrifice of an unblemished Passover lamb in [Exodus](#) (leading to Leviticus), so now God has redeemed Christians from sin by the precious blood of Christ (v18-19).



5. What further motivation for life-change does this provide?
6. Remember 1:22, how could you be showing a deeper love for others at the moment?