Who is the Greatest?

Ken Chapman · 1 Peter 1:13–16

INTRODUCTION

- My fear is that too many grown adult Christians have no deeper understanding of what it means to be a Christian than a child.
- Try to help us to pull us out of those spiritual dark ages to a renaissance of knowledge of what it truly means to wear the name of Christ.
- We live at the most enviable time of all human history, the fulfillment after the fulfillment of the promises of God.

1 Gird Up the Loins of Your Mind

1 Peter 1:13; Ephesians 6:14

- Today, we would use the expression, roll up your sleeves.
- Therefore, gird up, roll up the sleeves of your mind. Get ready to work.
- Maybe what he's telling us here is that this is going to be a deep, strenuous mental exercise.
- Our Christianity, our hope, our salvation that Peter references in this first chapter is not something to be taken flippantly and lightly.
- Roll up your sleeves. This is going to take some work. It's going to take some brain power.

2 Be Sober

1 Peter 1:13

- When the New Testament uses the word sober, it doesn't use it necessarily as I'm not drunk. But it does use it in that sense that I am using my mental faculties properly.
- It also carries with it the idea of just simply being level-headed, of having your mind about you and knowing what you're doing.
- It also carries with it the idea of seriousness. Be sober, be serious.
- We understand that by this command to be sober, that Scripture is not condemning laughter.
- We ought to be the happiest, most smiling, laughing people on this planet.
- That this relationship has with it not just blessings, but some serious responsibilities.

3 Rest Your Hope Fully Upon the Grace

1 Peter 1:13; 1 Peter 1:3–5; 1 Peter 1:6

- Rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- There's no hedging of our bets. There's no plan B when it comes to this.
- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his abundant mercy, has begotten us again to a living hope.
- We can have that living hope in the midst of a dying, even spiritually dying and dead world.

- You are reserved, you are kept and guarded by the power of God.
- We've read the last chapter of the book. We know how this story ends.

4 Be Holy, for I Am Holy

1 Peter 1:14–16

- As he who has called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, Be holy, for I am holy.
- What is the mature concept of Christianity mean? It means he is my father.
- I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work and invest the sweat equity that's going to be required to be a child of God.
- I want to be separate and set apart, not as conforming yourselves to the former lust.
- I'm going to be obedient, children to a holy father. And I'm willing to be distinct and different and unique.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let's roll up the sleeves of our mind and be serious about this thing that we claim to be. And let's fully invest ourselves in the hope that we have. And let's chase and pursue our Father in His holiness.**

MY NOTES