

## "In Light of This Salvation"

Main Point: Set your hope on Christ (1:13)

How we set our hope on the resurrected Jesus Christ:

1. Decide on Holiness (1:14-21)

- Holiness is expressed through obedience (1:14, 22)
- Holiness reflects who you are already (1:3, 5, 14, 15, 18-21)
- Holiness increases with imitation (14, 15)

"People will always reflect something, whether it be God's character or some feature of the world. If people are committed to God, they will become like him; if they are committed to something other than God, they will become like that thing, always spiritually inanimate and empty like the lifeless and vain aspect of creation to which they have committed themselves."

- G.K. Beale, "We Become What We Worship."

2. Decide on Love (1:22-2:3)

- Love is a reflection of who you are already (1:23)
- Love longs for that which nourishes it (2:2)

Practical Helps for Love and Holiness

1. Get to killing sin before it gets to killing you (1:14-16, 18, 22, 2:1)

"Do you mortify; do you make it your daily work; be always at it while you live; cease not a day from this work; be killing sin or it will be killing you." — John Owen, *The Mortification of Sin*

2. Get REALLY familiar with the gospel (1:19, 21, 23, 25)

3. Remember that God sees you (1:17)

4. Remember that the world sees you too (1:17)