



STANDING FIRM
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

HOPE AS EXILES

1 PETER



1 Peter 4:1-11

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them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does. The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

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Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Time For Living In Human Passions is Past

vs:1-4

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Time For Judgement Is Coming

vs:5-6

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²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

1 Peter 2:22-23

'The day of judgement will make all things clear and I am quite content to wait for that day'.

- **George Whitefield**

Pray, Love, Show Hospitality & Serve One Another

vs:7-11

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There is no way that Christians in a private capacity can do so much to promote the work of God and advance the kingdom of Christ as by prayer.

- **J. Edwards**

Where love abounds in a fellowship of Christians, many small offences, and even some large ones, will be readily overlooked and forgotten.

- **W. Grudem**

¹² Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offences.

Proverbs 10:12

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Romans 12:13

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:2

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⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:6-8

All spiritual gifts are service-gifts. This is their purpose. They are not given for selfish use but for unselfish use, namely for the service of other people.

- **John Stott**