

1 Peter 4:7-11

Remember: Christ's return is imminent

The end of all things is near. 7

1. Be alert committed to prayer

Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. 7

2. Fervently love one another

Above all, love each other deeply . . . 8

3. Give gracious hospitality to one another

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 9

4. Serve others faithfully with the gifts God gave you

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. 10-11

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1 Peter 4:7-8

Peter says, "the end of all things is at hand" what is he referring to (see note below)? How does anticipating Jesus' return help us live a vibrant Christian life? How does it help us stand firm through life's storms?

Peter implies that prayer is a normal part of the Christian's life. How does being self-focused and distracted hinder one's prayers?

Christian love is not blind to sin, so how is a believer to interpret, "love covers a multitude of sins"?

What similarities do you see in Hebrews 10:24-25? Why is encouraging each other and meeting with other believers essential to one's spiritual life?

1 Peter 4:9-11

For the first 200 years the early church had no separate church building; the body would have to meet in each others homes. Is hospitality as equally important to a believers/leaders life today? Why?

Each member of the body has been entrusted with a gift (Eph 4:7). How can we be a "good steward" or responsible with what God has entrusted us? What does it look like to neglect the gifts God has given us?

What we say and do is a direct reflection of the gospel! What reminder is Peter giving us here in verse 11?

Discuss the glory of God. How can believers be more intentional to "glorify God in everything"?

Application

The return of Christ is a great motivator to reflect on, especially when it comes to how we live our lives. What might God be asking you to be more intentional about?