

Groups Sunday

The End of All Things is at Hand

1 Peter 4:7-11

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1 Peter 4:7-11 “The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: ¹¹ 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.”

Three Implications of the End of All Things Being at Hand

I. You Are Called to Pray for Others

1 Peter 4:7 “The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.”

Prayer is the natural response to seeing reality as it truly is.

A self-controlled and sober-minded person prays.

Luke 8:35 “Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his **right mind**, and they were afraid.”

1 Peter 5:8 “**Be sober-minded; be watchful.** Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

Ephesians 6:18 “**Praying** at all times in the Spirit, with all **prayer** and supplication. To that end, **keep alert** with all perseverance, making supplication **for all the saints.**”

If we take God at His Word, we will **pray for one another.**

II. You Are Called To Keep On Loving Others

1 Peter 4:8-9 “Above all, **keep loving one another** earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ **Show hospitality** to one another without grumbling.”

The call to love one another is one that we never retire from.

Our love towards each other serves as a tangible representation and extension of the love of Christ that we ourselves have received.

Our Christian love for one another is a means by which sin is limited and a picture of the ultimate covering of sins that is found in Christ.

This can only happen in community.

One practical way we are called to love one another is by **showing hospitality**.

Everything you have is assets under management.

Matthew 12:50 “For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is My **brother and sister and mother**.”

Love and hospitality will cost you.

We are members of one another.

III. You Are Called to Steward God's Grace to Others

1 Peter 4:10-11 “As **each** has received a gift, **use it to serve one another**, as **good stewards** of God's **varied grace**: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies...”

Each of us has the simple calling and an incredible privilege of stewarding God's grace to each other.

We each have been uniquely positioned, wired, and gifted by God in order to disperse His multifaceted grace to one another.

As you live life in community, God equips you and gifts you to serve one another with words and/or deeds.

The ways the Lord is growing you, comforting you, teaching you, and strengthening you are not just for yourself, but for the body.

1 Peter 4:11 "...in order that in everything **God may be glorified through Jesus Christ**. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

All of these practices bring God glory as ways in which we reflect Christ.

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