

I PETER:
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HOPE-FILLED LIVING
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

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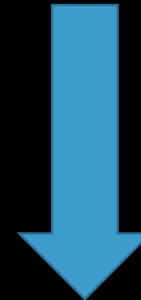
LIVING AS “LAST DAYS” PEOPLE (I Peter 4:7-11)

When is the end of all things?

The Rapture!



2nd Coming
of Christ!



THE CHURCH

The Tribulation
(70th “week” of Daniel 9)

The
Millennial
Kingdom

“The End Of All Things”



LIVING AS “LAST DAYS” PEOPLE (I Peter 4:7-11)

When is the end of all things?

- Previous announcements of “the end”
- Denials that “the end” is coming!
- Signs of the end being near!
- Scriptural assurances that the end is not only coming...it is “near.”

LIVING AS “LAST DAYS” PEOPLE (I Peter 4:7-11)

FOUR QUESTIONS...

1. When is “the end of all things”?
2. How could “the end” have been “near” almost 2,000 years ago? (It hasn’t come yet!)
3. How can we take such warnings seriously, today?
4. How should these warnings affect us?

LIVING AS “LAST DAYS” PEOPLE

Peter is SO CONCERNED about this...
that the prophecies we know of the future
should affect the way we live,
that he presented it also in II Peter!

Look at II Peter 3:10-14, 17-18

LIVING AS “LAST DAYS” PEOPLE (II Peter 3:10-15, 17-18)

- Holy Conduct, 11.
- Godliness, 11
- Expectancy, 12-14.
- Diligent (not lazy!), 14.
- Peaceful, 14.
- Spotless and blameless, 14.
- Grateful (for His patience), 15

LIVING AS “LAST DAYS” PEOPLE

(II Peter 3:10-15, 17-18)

- Being on your guard, 17
- Not carried away by the error of unprincipled men, 17
- Not falling from our steadfastness, 17.
- Growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

LIVING AS “LAST DAYS” PEOPLE (I Peter 4:7-11)

How should these warnings affect us?

“Therefore...”

Then Peter lists a series of instructions, between 10 and 12 (through v, 19) depending on how you group or divide them, that should characterize our lives

**BECAUSE THE END OF ALL THINGS
HAS COME NEAR!**

LIVING AS “LAST DAYS” PEOPLE (I Peter 4:7-11)

BECAUSE the end of all things is near...

“Therefore...”

- Be of sound judgment! Be Sensible!

SOUND JUDGMENT, as “Last Days People” ...

1. Would lay up treasure in heaven, not on earth, Mt. 6:19-20.
2. Would watch for the appearing of Jesus, II Tim. 4:6-7; Titus 2:11-14.
3. Would NOT love this present world, I John 2:15-17.
4. Would be diligent to prepare for His return, II Peter 1:5-8; 3:14; I John 2:28; 3:2-3.

SOUND JUDGMENT, as “Last Days People” ...

5. Would prepare sensibly, being prepared, whether Jesus comes soon, or not in our lifetime.

LIVING AS “LAST DAYS” PEOPLE (I Peter 4:7-11)

BECAUSE the end of all things is near...

Therefore...

- Be Sober! Be of sober spirit!

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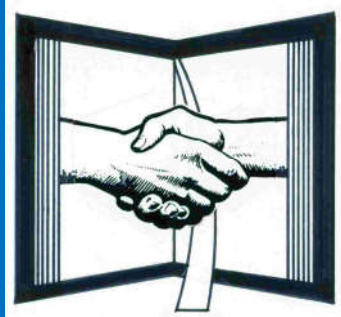
- Be sensible and of sober spirit for the purpose of prayer!

Praying...as “Last Days People”:

1. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest field, Matt. 9:37-38.
2. Pray persistently, with faith, Luke 11:1-13;18:1-8.
3. Pray one another to maturity, Colossians 4:12.
4. Pray for our governmental leaders, I Timothy 2:1-4.
5. Pray, “Come, Lord Jesus!”, Rev. 22:17, 20.

IN A WATCHING AND NEEDY,
BUT HOSTILE WORLD...

We need to live **HOLY AND
HOPE-FILLED LIVES**
As “Last Days” People!



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