# **IPETER:** HOLY AND HOPE-FILLED LIVING IN A HOSTILE WORLD

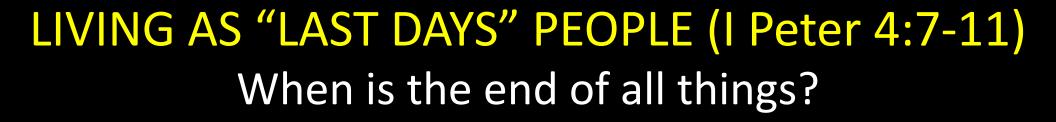
### **I PETER 4:7-11**

The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer. Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

As each one has received a gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies;

so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY AND **HOPE-FILLED LIVING** IN A HOSTILE WORLD... LIVING AS "LAST DAYS" PEOPLE





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 (I Peter 4:7-11) How should <u>these</u> warnings affect us?

#### "Therefore..."

Then Peter lists a series of instructions, 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...

**Unto prayer!** 

"Therefore..."

- Be of sound judgment!
- Be of sober spirit!

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"Therefore..."

Above all...

Keep fervent in your love for one another!

#### **LOVING** AS "LAST DAYS" PEOPLE (I Peter 4:7-11)

- The Motivation for Our Loving...
- The Nature of our Loving...
- The Importance of Our Loving...
- The Quality of Our Loving...
- The Objects of Our Loving...
- The Benefit of Our Loving...

#### LOVING AS "LAST DAYS" PEOPLE (I Peter 4:7-11)

 The Expression of Our Loving: Be hospitable! Hospitality is "Love" put into practice!



#### LOVING AS "LAST DAYS" PEOPLE (I Peter 4:7-11)

- The Expression of Our Loving: Be hospitable!
  The Command of Hospitality
  - ✓ The Description of Hospitality Hospitality is "love, in work clothes"!
  - ✓ The Direction of Hospitality
  - ✓ The Condition on Hospitality

LIVING AS "LAST DAYS" PEOPLE (I Peter 4:7-11) BECAUSE the end of all things is near... "Therefore..."

Unto prayer!

- Be of sound judgment!
- Be of sober spirit!
- Love one another
  - Fervently!Practically!

## We need to live HOLY AND HOPE-FILLED LIVES, Loving well... As "Last Days" People!



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