

Alderwood Community Church
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Living in Light of the End

Hope: Confidence When Facing Hostility

1 Peter 4:7-11

(Page 1203 or 1223 in chair Bible)

Big Idea: God's goal for our lives is that we would be found faithful when Christ returns so that God would be glorified. (Matthew 24)

1. Be _____ and faithful on doing the will of God. (vv.7, 3, 2)
 - A. Don't be dulled or controlled by fleshly _____ but live the rest of your life for the _____.
 - B. Be alert and watchful through _____. (Luke 12:35-48; Matthew 6:5-15)

2. Be persevering and _____ in our _____ for each another. (vv.8-11)
 - A. _____ each other. (v.8) (Colossians 3:13-14)

B. Freely _____ to meet each other's needs. (v.9)
(1 John 3:16-18)

C. _____ each other with grace. (vv.10-11)

The goal of our life is God's glory: "So that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever."
(v.11)

Sermon Questions:

1. What questions, issues, or concerns come to the front of your mind after the sermon and reflecting on this scripture passage?

2. Peter starts off telling us that the end of all things is near. What is the “end” he is referring to?

Peter sounds like a “doomsday” preacher. Do you think he is? Why, or why not?

3. In vv.7-11 Peter pinpoints four attitudes and actions that mark all Christians. Reread each verse before answering the questions.

V.7 - Why are these attitudes important if the end of all things is imminent? How do they help prayer?

V.8 - Where do Christians fall short in loving as Peter describes here?

Does the truth that “love covers a multitude of sins” mean excusing or condoning sin?

V.9 - What is the definition of hospitality? How is it different from entertaining?

How can we be better at showing hospitality as individuals? As a church?

V.10-11 - What do you think your spiritual gift is? Would others agree?

How have you seen God use your gift to serve others? How are you using your gift now?

How much of your service is about you and how much is about glorifying God?

4. Which of these attitudes and actions are firmly in place in your life and which need your attention? How can your group pray for you?