



THE URGENCY OF OUR MESSAGE AND MISSION

Peter's _____ shaped His message and mission.

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

Peter emphasizes that believers stay _____ to God.

Are we _____ for the sake of our relationship with Jesus?

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Peter emphasizes that believers keep _____ each other.

Are we _____ up our lives to the family of God?

Are we _____ out of our gifts for the family of God?

And are we living this way out of our _____?

Voter Registration

Register to vote at tables located in the Chapel, Sky Bridge and Atrium.

HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read 1 Peter 4:7-11. Why should Christians awaiting the end put love above all?
2. What do you learn from verse 11 about the way a Christian should serve?
3. Why is the mention of the glory of God so relevant to Christian service?
4. Evaluate your own attitudes in offering hospitality or serving with some other gift. Do verses 10-11 suggest any areas in which you might improve?
5. Think about the way of life Peter urges in verses 1-11, and also the motives he gives (vv. 1, 7, 11). Should anything make a difference in the way you act in your current circumstances? What steps could you take this week to better conform to Peter's picture of the Christian life?
6. Why do you think the traits of verse 7 are appropriate to have if the end of life as we know it is imminent? How are these traits demonstrated in your own life?
7. Think about Peter's warning: "The end of all things is near" (v. 7). Describe the state of mind and behavior that confronting this fact should produce in us.
 - v. 7
 - v. 8
 - v. 9
 - vv. 10-11
8. How can we make our time count for eternity? What will you do this week to make that happen?

HELPFUL

Quotes

Christians need minds that think straight and hearts that pray straight. In ordinary social relationships, Christians must love one another and offer hospitality. In undertaking Christian ministry, each must put into active service whatever gift God's grace has bestowed, whether it is teaching or more practical forms of service. The believer must draw on God's resources and provision, and not for personal gain or glory. Rather, the object of life this side of the end must be the praise of God. - *Stephen Motyer*

The Christian needs to be self-controlled and alert. Peter urges sobriety and vigilance on the believer's part because of his "adversary" (v. 8). The Greek word for "adversary" carries the idea of an opponent in a lawsuit. When this term is applied to Satan by Peter, the picture of the heavenly courtroom is brought into focus. ... The fact that Peter refers to Satan as "the devil" shows what kind of accuser he is. The word "devil" means *slanderer*. Satan, our present opponent in the heavenly courtroom, is undoubtedly not presenting the facts truthfully. However, the believer has an "attorney" who defends him in that same courtroom. According to 1 John 2:1, Jesus Christ is the "Advocate" who pleads the believer's case before the Father. The implication in Peter's statement is that Christians are giving Satan the ammunition he needs to accuse us before the Father. We must be alert in order to avoid aiding our adversary. - *Louis Barbieri*

When something alarms you, pray. When current events confuse you, pray. If the world looks like it's spinning out of control, pray. In fact, prayer is what sharpens our awareness so that we're able to be more discerning. It gives us genuine hope and confidence in Christ in the midst of confusion. When you're panicking, you're not praying. When you're reacting, you're not trusting in your sovereign God. - *Chuck Swindoll*

YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



Partner with Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!

SERMON BLANKS: urgency, connected, self-controlled, sober-minded, loving, opening, serving, love for Him