

WHAT IS TO BE YOUR PERSPECTIVE AS THE END DRAWS NEAR?

(1 Peter 4:7-14)

A. The Christian's Mindset in Light of Christ's Return (1 Peter 4:7-11)

1. The context of this passage is not merely anticipated suffering, but "*the _____ of all things*" is _____, or is "*at hand.*" (v. 7a)

2. The attitude and action that this should promote is...
 - a. Vertically you are to take this _____, be on the _____, and remember to depend upon the Lord by _____ often. (v. 7b)

 - b. Horizontally you are to _____ one another, be _____ to each other. (vv. 8-9)

* How can agape "*cover a multitude of sins*"?

* What are several ways hospitality is expressed?

- c. When you were born again, you were blessed with a spiritual gift(s) by the Holy Spirit; and He now wants you to _____ your gift(s) with one another as a good _____. (v. 10)

- d. You are to _____ to one another with the _____ that God gives you, with the ultimate purpose to _____ the Lord Jesus through it all. (v. 11)

B. The Christian's Mindset in Light of Present Suffering (1 Peter 4:12-14)

1. You should _____ be _____ when faced with difficult trials like persecution, they should be _____. (v. 12)

2. What Peter asks of you and me is not _____ but _____; we are to “_____” that we have been counted worthy to suffer for Christ. (v. 13a)

3. When Jesus comes in all of His glory, you will have _____ and overflowing _____. (v. 13b)

4. Contrary to natural human thinking, the spiritually discerning believer can consider himself _____ if he is _____ for the sake of Christ. (v. 14a)

5. As insults come your way, and evil men blaspheme the Lord, you glorify Him by suffering for the _____ of _____. (v. 14b)

* How can you personally apply this truth today?