

# FULL <sup>OF</sup> HOPE, FAR <sup>FROM</sup> HOME

Study in 1 Peter

**Sermon Title:** *“Living in the Last Days”*

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 4:7-11

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## INTRODUCTION

*“And let us consider how to STIR UP ONE ANOTHER to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”* (Hebrews 10:24-25)

## I. LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

**1 Peter 4:7a -**

**1) KNOW** the \_\_\_\_\_ in which you live!

Note: The Greek word *“telos”*, translated as *“the end”*, speaks of “fulfilling” some desired purpose, and the Greek word *“engiken”*, translated as *“at hand”*, speaks of something that is “\_\_\_\_\_”.

*Romans 13:11; 1 John 2:18; James 5:8; Habakkuk 2:14; Luke 12:35-37 -*

**1 Peter 4:7 -**

**2) PRAY** in a self-controlled and sober-minded way, which requires the Spirit and \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

***“Self-controlled”*** and ***“Sober-minded”***

*Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 12:2; 2 Timothy 3:17 -*

Note: Prayer is a *corporate activity* (something we do together) and it is a *very personal, intimate means of worship and communication* between us and God (we are, in fact, encouraged to pray continually, in 1 Thessalonians 5:17). By Peter encouraging prayer within the framework of “self-control” and “sober-mindedness”, he is reminding us how \_\_\_\_\_ and supernatural prayer is because “self-control” and “sober-mindedness” does not come naturally to us!

**1 Peter 4:8 -**

**3) LOVE** earnestly and fervently (love to the \_\_\_\_\_ limit); your relationships need this!

*Romans 5:5 -*

Note: For the believer, ALL love and forgiveness is ROOTED IN and GROWS OUT OF the love and forgiveness of Jesus, and the love and forgiveness of Jesus is gloriously \_\_\_\_\_ and comprehensive!

*Matthew 18:21-35; Proverbs 10:12 -*

**1 Peter 4:9 -**

**4) SHOW HOSPITALITY** with eagerness, \_\_\_\_\_, and thanksgiving (never grumbling or complaining)!

Note: Hospitality is “\_\_\_\_\_” focused, which is why our flesh hates it and why grumbling is an issue.

*1 John 3:17-18 -*

**1 Peter 4:10-11a -**

**5) SERVE** with all the grace and with all the strength that \_\_\_\_\_ provides!

*1 Corinthians 12:4-7 -*

Note: If you have a speaking gift, then speak with great care, clarity, purpose, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: If you have a serving gift, then trust God to \_\_\_\_\_ you the energy and strength to use it!

**1 Peter 4:11b -**

**The Conclusion of All Things:** When all is said and done, when this world has passed away, the weight, the extent, the height, the depth, the joy, and the purpose of God and His glory will remain, and in complete gratitude, praise, joy, and wholeness we will forever \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

*Ephesians 1:5b-6 -*

**Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...**

1. What does Peter mean when he writes that “the end of all things is at hand”?
2. According to verse 7, how are we to pray? Why is this so important?
3. According to verse 8, how are we to love and what does love do?
4. What does Peter think about spiritual gifts? How are they to be used?
5. Where is history heading? How will God’s plan end?