

Peter's First Epistle

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CHAPTER 4:7-11

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TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"LIVING IN THE NEW" PT.2

THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD

THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 Peter 5:12

I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text 4:7-11

In Washington D.C at the National Cathedral there is a bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln kneeling and crying out to God in prayer which was a common practice of Lincoln...

"On one occasion President Lincoln told Secretary Noah Brooks;

"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go"

DEPENDENCE UPON GOD

IS ALWAYS A WONDERFUL THING

He's Dependable - He's Approachable - He's Compatible

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

My Future, Your Future

Matthew 25:23

"And His lord shall say unto him, 'Well Done, - good and faithful servant; Enter into the joy of your lord.'

There are **four Attitudes** that we are going to have to nurture and establish within our thinking if we are going to hear those words “WELL DONE”

vv. 1-3 A Militant Attitude about Sin

vv. 4-6 A Patient Attitude toward the Lost

1.) Having a Militant Attitude About Sin vv. 1-3

* **Arm yourselves** GRK 3695 **hoplizo (hop-lid'-zo)**
to be fully equipped with all available weaponry
being armed to the teeth

Arm to the Teeth like The Buccaneers & Pirates

* **Ceased** GRK 3973 **pauo (pow'-o)**
to have come to end. To have finished having to deal with. To have been freed from something that once had power.

Colossians 3:2-3
therefore Set your **mind** on things above, not on things on the earth.
³ For you died and your life is **hidden** with Christ in God.

A Hidden Life

is a life that God has been “tucked away” by God for Our Security

John 10:28-29
And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

A Hidden Life

is a life that God will “blossom and Grow” for Himself & Our Joy

2 Peter 1:5-8 NIV

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

& we saw that

2.) A Patient Attitude toward the Lost vv. 4-6

vv. 7 An Expectant Attitude about His Coming

vv. 8-11 A Fervent Attitude toward the Church

POINT NUMBER #3

3.) An Expectant Attitude about His Coming vv. 7

Peter lists 10 Commandments

that are musts for the victorious Christian

1/10 Being Sober	v.7
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9/10 Glorifying God	v.16-18
10/10 Committing Yourself to Him	v.19

Verse 7a

*But the **end** of all things is at hand; therefore be **serious** and **watchful** in your prayers.*

Consider the Situation of Peter's Audience...
!!! They had been suffering!!!

THE WOULD MEAN RELEASE

- * End GRK 5056 telos (tel'-os)
from the primary tello (to set out for a definite)
the conclusion of a predetermined act or state. The termination
of a set plan. the fulfillment of prophetic

To be telonomic is to have knowledge and purpose engineered into
the scheme of things
(Creation is teleonomic)

Living today as though
it was our last day on earth

The End is to "Excite You,"

*Not frighten You - it's the Christians great hope
i.e.*

(Like the ending of the second to the last chapter of a book)

Have you noticed the difference between having a *stubbed toe* during
the day verses during the night?

~ During the night

it's pounding, yelling and resistant to Advil

~ But during the day,

there's light, there's people, there's noise

**THE TRUMPET OF GOD SHALL SOUND
ITS GOTTA BE BIG & LOUD**

*You know if you're excited about His coming when
the hearing a horn honk, sends you in to a praise session*

~ Or when a cloud has that special look about it

~ But also when you just look around you and the world

Revelation 21:3-5

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

2 Corinthians 12:2

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-- whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows-- such a one was caught up to the third heaven. ³ And I know such a man-- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- ⁴ how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Note:

**All Biblical Writers wrote with
“expectancy” and “imminence”**

“Expectancy” - meaning

- a.) A temporal-ness towards this world.
There was a deep sense within them that this world was not all that there was.
- b.) That another world exists where God dwells.
Since God is real, He must be in touch with His creation in a personal way
- c.) Desiring to be where God is.
Heaven’s place is a pleasures and joys.

**HEAVEN IS THE DISTINATION FOR GOD’S CHILDREN
AND THE PLACE WHERE GOD SHALL FATHER US**

This Spawns in the Heart

Watchfulness ~ Alertness ~ Eagerness ~ Awareness

And expectancy breeds a holy lifestyle

“Immanence” - meaning

*But the **end** of all things is at hand
(The crowd would have cheered with a joyful expectancy)*

Because the suffering of this life is soon to pass

2 Corinthians 4:16

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed **day by day**....

“day by day”

The outward man is perishing
because there is trouble, there is pain, there difficulty

“day by day”

The inward man is being renewed
because there are answers, and reasons, and purposes, and meaning

2 Corinthians 4:17

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment,
is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

Examples of Expectancy and Immanence

Ole' man Simeon in Luke 2:25

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was **just and devout**, (holy - WHY?) **waiting** for the Consolation of Israel, and **the Holy Spirit was upon him**.

Mark 15:43

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, **who was himself waiting** (still waiting) for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Joseph's Family Tomb was used to lay Jesus' body to rest...

But It was no sacrifice of his because

“It’s Only For Da-weekend”

Romans 8:23

but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly **waiting** for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Each Morning I am Reminded of this Passage

Romans 13:11-12

and do this, **knowing the ‘time’**, that now it is ‘**high time**’ ((ho'-rah) **the beginning of a season, the time appointed to start an event**) to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer (arriving) than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

An Historical, Prophetic Example

Luke 8:40

So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all **waiting** for Him.

1 Corinthians 1:7

so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 Thessalonians 3:5

Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

2 Timothy 4:8

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

And Like Ole’ man Simeon

1 John 3:2-3 NIV

now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ Everyone who has **this hope** in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

You'll think twice before you (commit that sexual sin, gossip about your neighbor, snort that drug or buy that worthless item)

Galatians 5:5

For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

1 Thessalonians 1:10

and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Psalms 62:5

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

Verse 7b

*therefore be **serious** and **watchful** in your **prayers**.*

1/10 Being Serious v.7b

To be keeping your mind, your thinking,
steady and clearly, focused on the correct doctrine

“Stay cool or hang in there”

The opposite word in the Greek for “serious”
is the word “**mania**” out of control thinking’

* **Serious** **GRK 4993 sophroneo (so-fron-eh'-o);**
to be of sound mind, to sane,

Realizing that just a moment separates us from eternity
in a moment - there gone, like quick sand, death comes and the door closes

Erratic and emotional thinking

which leads to strange doctrine which leads to spiritual destruction

2/10 Watchful unto Prayer v.7b

Being calm, but **excited** in your thinking and conduct
about his returning

BEING SCRIPTUALLY BASED AND SPIRITUALLY ALERT TO THE TIMES

* **Watchful** *GRK 1127 grēgoreō (gray-gor-yoo'-o)*

to watch, give strict attention to, be cautious, active, to
take heed lest through remission and indolence some
destructive calamity suddenly overtake one

2 Peter 3:10-13

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens
will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth
and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be
dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for
and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved,
being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ **Nevertheless** (never mind that.....)
we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness
dwells.

{Waiting} **Tests The believers Patience's**

Psalms 69:3

I am weary with my crying; my throat is dry; my eyes fail while
I wait for my God.

{Waiting} **Will Renew Our Strength**

Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with
wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

{Waiting} **Will Encourage Toward Hope**

Titus 2:13

looking (expectant waiting) for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great
God and Savior Jesus Christ,

**Every day we wait, is another day closer to His return
(How long has it been since He left - about 2,000 years)**

**WE'RE 2,000 YEARS CLOSER TO HIS RETURN
THEN PETER, PAUL, AND MARY EVER WERE**

1 Thessalonians 5:5-8

You are all sons of light and sons of the day. **We** are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let **us** not sleep, as **others** do, but let **us** watch and be sober. (Why) ⁷ because **those** who sleep, sleep at night, and **those** who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let **us** who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

ATTITUDE NUMBER #1

Having A Militant Attitude about Sin

ATTITUDE NUMBER #2

Having A Patient Attitude toward the Lost

ATTITUDE NUMBER #3

Having An Expectant Attitude about His Coming

ATTITUDE NUMBER #4

4.) A Fervent Attitude toward the Church vv.8-11

Jesus Said...

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Verse 8a

*And above all things have **fervent love** for one another,
for "love **will cover** a multitude of sins."*

3/10) Having Fervent Love v.8

- * **Fervent love** GRK 1618 **ektenes (ek-ten-ace')**;
intense, heated, hot love toward others. Love without end or barrenness

An Athletic Term meaning to stretch toward the line

2 Thessalonians 3:5
Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

*"love **will cover** a multitude of sins."*
Quoting Proverbs 10:12

- * **Will cover** GRK 2572 **kalupto (kal-ooop'-to)**;
to remove the penalty of. Not as a cover-up scandal but a dealing with by putting away.

Note what it does not say:

Love overlooks sin, love will not confront sin, love ignores sin

Verse 9

*Be **hospitable** to one another **without grumbling**.*

4/10.) Being Hospitable v.9

- * **Hospitable** GRK 5382 **philoxenos (fil-ox'-en-os)**
to excitedly fond of guests, being prone to welcoming, creating a sense hospital-"ality".

Martha was Prone to This

SHE HAD THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY

Pots and pans rattling - the chair fluffed - the plants are blooming

MAKES YOU WANNA PUT YOUR JAMMIES ON

(My sister Peggy - makes you feel so welcome
at your first arrival, and at the middle of your stay and at the end evening)

The oriental hospitality of the middle east is remarkable to us of the west

Hospitality is said to have originated among the nomadic peoples
aware of the dangers and loneliness of desert life - it was forbidden to refuse anyone
food, water, shelter or protection. - EVEN YOUR ENEMY

That's Why Paul Said...

Romans 12:20

Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him
a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals
of fire on his head."

Hospitality is a Divine Character-Quality

God desires of us to live and to experience a Hospitable life

Psalms 23:5

You (Lord) prepare a table before me **in the presence of my enemies;**
you anoint my head with oil; (protection)
my cup runs over. (I have more than enough)

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
is Your Big Chance to be Scriptural

* ***Without grumbling***

meaning, for hypocrisy sake, you invite them over
to stay (to look good in front of your friends or
church) but later you grumble or wine about it

"Here's your pillow
(you rotten lazy leach &^%\$\$)

.... Help yourself to something to eat in the morning
(you'll probably eat me out of house and home you good for
nothing bum &^%\$\$)

True Christian hospitality is second to none...

what better motive to be served by
then for them to be doing it for Jesus

*May I have another fish taco please, with salsa and black beans?
...sure have the whole platter and bucket*

Galatians 4:14-15

And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.¹⁵ What then was the blessing you enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.

5/10.) Using Your Spiritual Gifts v.10-11

Verse 10

*As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the **manifold grace** of God.*

- * The manifold grace GRK 4164 poikilos (poy-kee'-los);
various and differing graces to each as needed

Verse 10a

*As each one has received **a gift***

Verse 11

*If anyone **speaks**, let him speak as the **oracles** of God. If anyone **ministers**, let him do it as with the ability which God **supplies**, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

- * Oracles GRK 3051 logion (log'-ee-on)
an utterance (of God):
- * Minister GRK 1247 diakoneo (dee-ak-on-eh'-o)
to be an attendant, i.e. wait upon as a host, friend, or a server, use the office of a deacon.

Verse 11c

*let him do it as with the ability which God **supplies***

IN THE VISION OF ZECHARIAH,

he saw what fueled the work of God... in the vision - two olive trees supplied

Zechariah 4:6

"This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel:

`Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.

(If he can say this to a guy named Zerubbabel,
imagine what he wants to say to a guy named joe?)

Verse 11d

*that in **all things** God may be **glorified** through Jesus Christ*