

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER  
TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 4:7-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“Going Public – Part 2”**

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

**1 Peter 4:7-11**

**:7** But the **end** of all things is **at hand**; therefore be **serious** and **watchful** in your **prayers**. **8** And **above all things** have **fervent love** for **one another**, for **“love will cover a multitude of sins.”** **9** Be **hospitable** to **one another** without **grumbling**. **10** As **each one** has **received a gift**, **minister** it to **one another**, as **good stewards** of the **manifold grace** of God. **11** If (a) anyone **speaks**, let him speak as the **oracles** of God. If (b) 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.**

The Christian’s sense of value, self-worth, and identity are to be rooted instead in the eschatological hope into which they have been Born Again

**Our Eschatological (Future) Hope In Trying Times**

**1 Peter 1:3-5**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again (Born Again) to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead **4** to **an inheritance** incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, **reserved** in heaven for you, **5** who are **kept** by the power of God through faith for salvation **ready to be revealed in the Last Time.**

**The Echo of Jesus’ Exhortation regarding The Last Days.**

**Matthew 24:9-13 NIV**

“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. **10** At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, **11** and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. **12** Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, **13** but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

## **The love of the Christians will be tempted to grow cold**

because of increasing hardship in the Last Days. Peter is exhorting his audience that because the end of all things is nearing, they must persist in keeping their love ablaze in the heart, for one another.

### **Going Public**

1.) Putting your head in the game	vs. 7
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Going Public Means That...

#### **Putting Your Head In The Game**

1a.) Understanding what time it is	vs. 7a
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7 But The **End** of all things is **at hand**;

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#### **Putting Your Head In The Game**

1b.) Keeping your head up	vs. 7b
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(7) **therefore** be **serious** and **watchful**

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#### **Putting Your Head In The Game**

1c.) Preparing for every situation	vs. 7c
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(7) in your **prayers**.

### **Going Public**

2.) Having your heart in the fight	vs. 8-10
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#### **Having Your Heart In The Fight**

2a.) Loving in practical ways	vs. 8-9
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**8** And **above all things** have **fervent love** for **one another**, for ***“love will cover a multitude of sins.”*** **9** Be **hospitable** to **one another** without **grumbling**.

## And above all things

This is Paramount. This is Priority One. The Defining Reality of Christianity.

“Within the community of the church this love was to be operational.  
By exhibiting this kind of love the church offered to  
the world an alternative society.” - K.H. Jobes

**fervent**     **grk:** ektenes; to be heated or to be hot. To be burning or ablaze.

**love**         **grk:** agape; to love with goodwill toward others. to love on or to bestow love or lavish love upon another. a preemptive act(s) of love. to love first.

Today, in our world, love is unknown and rarely seen – as the world turns! But Within a True Biblical Community – God’s love will be alive and well, and our love toward one another is, by far, morally superior.

In his treatises *To the Gentiles* and *Apology* – Tertullian of Carthage wrote an attack on the pagan beliefs and practices as being “*superstitious and immoral*”, and argued that “*The Christian life as taught in Scripture and practiced by Christians is morally superior.*” He recorded that those pagans as well as the Empire itself had to confess by saying “*Look how they love one another for we (pagans) hate one another. Look how they are ready to die for each other for we (pagans) are readier to kill each other.*”

**Tertullian**

Carthage, Tunisia 160ad – 220ad,

**Even if you do not like your fellow Christian brother or sister,**  
you are to, at least **act like** you love them.

the “**Act**” of Christian love”

Acting like you love them is **obedience** to God.

(Your acting, pretending to love them will soon turn into the real thing.)

“The Lord Is Not Asking Us To Feel Fervent Love, But To Have It.”

### **Matthew 18:21-22**

Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” :22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

**Mark 11:25-26**

“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

"What just might be the greatest display of love outside of giving up your life for someone, is for you to give someone your forgiveness."

- *Jack Hibbs*

**Ephesians 4:32**

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

**Colossians 3:13**

Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

Verse 8

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

**The Greatest Danger to Our Faith is Apathy**

**Romans 5:5**

Now hope does not disappoint, because **the love of God** has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Implied is the fact that this is not a love that is based on emotional tendency, but rather a love that is “determined” or “decided upon” or “willfully given”

**Jesus, The Cardiologist, Tells of the Warning Signs**

Carelessness / Inactivity / Laziness / Timidity / Carnality

**Revelation 2:4-5**

(Ephesus, Chino Hills, Shadow Mountain, Harvest)

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. **5** Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place— unless you repent.

# Your Heart Ought To Be A Wellness Center

**Cover** grk: kalupto; to cover by keeping it from escalating. to mitigate the sin and its effect. to end it and then remove it.

**This “love covers” is believed to have been a**  
saying within the Jewish community of believers based on;

## Proverbs 10:12

**Hatred** stirs up strife, But **love** covers all sins.

It's a “Love - Hate Relationship” - - argument from a Hebrew;  
“**antithetic parallelism**  
**antithetic** (opposing) and **parallelism**” (co-existing or alongside the same)  
( hatred generates drama and division. Love generates calm and unity )

*Meaning: Hatred Sins and Accuses Others.  
While Love Deescalates and Esteems Others.*

Christian love is dedicated to resolving an issue. Love seeks to achieve righteousness while minimizing collateral damage.

## Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the **peacemakers**, For they shall be called **sons of God**.

**Multitude** grk: plethos; a great number of. an assembly of. a hoard or bundle of sins

**Sins** grk: hamartia; a missing of the mark. regardless of motive or intent.

“In Christianity, keeping score is never allowed.”

- Jack Hibbs

## 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love (*Jesus*) suffers long and is kind; love (*Jesus*) does not envy; love (*Jesus*) does not parade itself, (*Jesus*) is not puffed up; 5 (*Jesus*) does not behave rudely, (*Jesus*) does not seek its own, (*Jesus*) is not provoked, (*Jesus*) thinks no evil; 6 (*Jesus*) does not rejoice in iniquity, but (*Jesus*) rejoices in the truth; 7 (*Jesus*) bears all things, (*Jesus*) believes all things, (*Jesus*) hopes all things, (*Jesus*) endures all things.

:8 Love (*Jesus*) never fails.

**1 Peter 1:22 NLT**

You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.

**Verse 9**

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

Nurture and maintain a willingness and a readiness to show love and do love.

**Biblical Love is a Powerful, Physical Witness**

Going Public Means That...

**Having Your Heart In The Fight**

2b.) Going with what you have

vs. 10

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

**gift** **grk:** charisma; a gift of (from) grace, a free gift: a favored gift. a gift placed where it is enjoyed the most and does the most.

**Good** **grk:** KALO(s); beautiful, excellent, honorable, sound.

**Stewards** **grk:** oikonomos; a household manager. ie. Joseph in Egypt

**manifold** **grk:** poikilos; many or multi-faceted. A wide variation of (grace)

The CROSS of Christ, The CHRIST of God, The CALL of Jesus

*End of Study*

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