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LIFE IN EXILE

SUSTAINED BY HOPE IN A HOSTILE WORLD

1 Peter - Part 17

PILGRIM PRIORITIES

How to Live When the End is Near

(1 Peter 4:7-11)

INTRODUCTION:

LAST WEEK:

TAKING SANCTIFICATION SERIOUSLY (1 Peter 4:7-6)

- The Question: Will you pursue the way of the cross or the way of the crowd?
Will you live for the will of God or the wants of men?

“Therefore, since **Christ has suffered in the flesh**, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because **he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin**, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.”

- The Counsel: _____ the Past! _____ the Present!
The World is _____! God’s _____ is right!

“For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles... in all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you...”

TODAY’S TEXT: THE CONCLUSION TO THE LARGER CONTEXT (1 Peter 2:11-4:11)

“Beloved, **I urge you as sojourners and exiles** to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul, ¹² by keeping your conduct excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good works, as they observe them, glorify God in the DAY OF VISITATION.”

—1 Peter 2:11-12 (Legacy Standard Bible)

TODAY’S TEXT: THE COUNSEL IN LIGHT OF THE TIMES (1 Peter 4:7-11)

“The end of all things is near; therefore,…”

1A. THE _____ PRIORITY: _____ (v. 7)

“...be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.”

1B. Effective Prayer requires a _____ Mind.

2B. Effective Prayer requires a _____ Mind.

2A. THE _____ PRIORITY: _____ (v. 8-9)

“Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint.”

1B. We need a _____ Love,... marked by _____ ! (v. 8)

2B. We need a _____ Love,... marked by _____ ! (v. 9)

3A. THE _____ PRIORITY: _____ (v. 10-11)

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in servicing one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

• ...as _____ .

1B. Spiritual gifts are _____ by all believers. (v. 10a)

2B. Spiritual gifts are _____ of God's grace. (v. 10b)

3B. Spiritual gifts are for the _____ of others. (v. 10c)

4B. Spiritual gifts are a _____ of Christian stewardship. (v. 10d)

5B. Spiritual gifts are to be exercised in God's _____. (v. 11a)

6B. Spiritual gifts are to bring God _____. (v. 11b)

CONCLUSION: