

**Sermon:** How to Live in the Last Days.  
**Series:** 1 Peter: Hardships, Holiness, and Hope

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 4:1-11  
**Date:** November 8, 2020

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

Note: this passage gives one of the most succinct and yet full descriptions of our salvation. Therefore we will start by asking what this passage teaches us about Christ/grace.

**1) What does this passage teach us about God?**

a) Read verse 11 – “In order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.” Why must the glory of God be our starting point/the goal of all we do? Does thinking about the glory of God change how you read this passage? How?

**2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?**

a) 1 Peter 4:1-11 describes the “put off and put on” dynamic of the Christian life. Why is it so important for us to “put off” the “passions of the flesh” (v.2) now that we are in Christ?

b) Look at the “ordinary Christian life” in verses 7-11a. What from this list challenges you? Self-control? Sober mindedness? Love? Hospitality? Serving? Speaking?

c) Peter is describing how to live in the “end times.” Does his direction/ethic surprise you in any way?

**3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

a) This section of Peter’s letter flows from his description of Christ and his own suffering for us and his glorification in heaven (3:18-22). Why must we always keep the suffering, death, resurrection, and glory of Jesus in mind when we form our ethics (4:1-11)? What might our ethics look like if we don’t keep Jesus’ work for us in mind?

**APPLICATION**

a) What sin do you need to make a clean break from today? How can God’s grace empower you and sustain you in this difficult journey?

b) What might our church look like if we truly obeyed “above all, keep loving one another earnestly since love covers a multitude of sins?”

**FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Peter 5:6-11.**

**PRAYER**

Proclaim the glory of God through Jesus Christ.

Confess sin that has held you captive.

Ask God to help you replace sin with self-control, love, hospitality, serving, and sharing the good news.