

THIS MAY BE THE YEAR!

1 Peter 4:7-11

INTRODUCTION:

This May Be The Year of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ - The Year that Christ will return – what if it were today? How should you live?

“The end of all things is at hand,” (v. 7). We will study five activities that should mark our lives this New Year:

- I. Live Seriously and Soberly (v. 7a)**
“The end of all things is at hand:” therefore we should live seriously and soberly.
 - A. We must take life seriously – realizing that God has a purpose for our lives.**
 - B. Christians measure all things in light of Eternity as well as time.**
 - C. Christians are to control and restrain their desires, lusts, and appetites:**
 - D. Christians are to be calm and sensible about all things (Titus 2:11-12; 1 Pet 5:8)**

- II. Live Watching and Praying (v. 7b)**
“The end of time is at hand:” therefore we should live watching and praying.
 - A. Believers are to keep their minds alert at all times for the opportunity to pray.**
 - B. We need to acknowledge God in all His ways.**
 - C. As you watch the news, look for opportunities to pray (Col 4:2; 1 Thess 5:17-18)**

- III. Live With Fervent Love (v. 8)**
“The end of time is at hand:” therefore we should live with fervent love.
 - A. Fervent Love is to love others even when they hurt us.**
 - B. Fervent Love covers a multitude of sins (John 13:34-35; Eph 4:32)**

- IV. Live Showing Hospitality and Do it Ungrudgingly (v. 9)**
“The end of time is at hand:” therefore we should live showing hospitality.
 - A. Believers are to be “Given to Hospitality” (Rom 12:13)**
 - B. Believers are to use acts of hospitality to evangelize.**
 - C. “Be not forgetful to entertain strangers...” (Heb 13:2).**
 - D. (Mark 9:41).**

- V. Live Using Your Spiritual Gift (v. 10)**
“The end of the time is at hand:” therefore you should live using your Spiritual Gift.
 - A. Believers are to use their Spiritual Gift serving and ministering to one another**
 - B. Listing of Spiritual Gifts in the Bible (Rom 12:6-8; 1 Cor 12:28; Eph 4:11)**

CONCLUSION:

- A. “The end of all things is at hand,” therefore let’s devote this year to Living Seriously and Soberly, Watching and Praying, With Fervent Love, Showing Hospitality and Using Your Spiritual Gift.**
- B. The Result (v. 11) – so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.**
- C. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! – “... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8)