



Sunday Worship 2-27-22

Sermon Series: DeConstruction or Construction? (7)

Scripture Text:

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 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.

There are many Scriptures in the New Testament that speak of living in the anticipation of the Lord’s return.

Mark 13:35-36 (Jesus said) Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.

Luke 12:40 (Jesus said) Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

James 5:8 ...be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

1 You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult (perilous) times. 2 For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. 3 They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. 4 They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. 5 They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

THE APOSTLE PETER REVEALS THREE TRUTHS:

1. Time is the _____ of _____.
- a. 1 Peter 4:7a But the end of all things is at hand...
- b. The clock is running, are you _____ and _____ exactly what you want to be when time is up?

THE APOSTLE PETER REVEALS THREE TRUTHS:

2. Our _____ to these last days is a _____.
- a. 1 Peter 4:7b ...be serious and watchful in your prayers.
- b. 1 Peter 4.9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

THE APOSTLE PETER REVEALS THREE TRUTHS:

3. Everything we _____ in these days is _____.
- a. 1 Peter 4:10-11 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 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.

THE APOSTLE PETER OUTLINES THE LIFESTYLE WE NEED FOR THE LAST DAYS:

1. Serious and watchful prayer replaces _____ with a _____.
- a. 1 Peter 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.
- b. Psalm 66:19 But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- c. Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
- d. Psalm 5:3 In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

THE APOSTLE PETER OUTLINES THE LIFESTYLE WE NEED FOR THE LAST DAYS:

2. Love overcomes _____ and _____.
- a. Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins.
- b. 1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”
- c. Luke 23:34 And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”...
- d. John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

THE APOSTLE PETER OUTLINES THE LIFESTYLE WE NEED FOR THE LAST DAYS:

3. Use the _____ God gives in serving others with _____.
- a. 1 Peter 4:9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.
- b. Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
- c. Philippians 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,
- d. 1 Peter 5:5b ...Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”
- e. Proverbs 3:34 Surely He scorns the scornful, but gives grace to the humble.

Conclusion:

Seriously evaluate if you are self-focused or God-focused!

Is your lifestyle of faith about what you want or about glorifying God?

We get there by humbling ourselves, seeking God in prayer, living in forgiveness, and extending grace to others.

Reflection:

Living out this lifestyle will keep you ready for the Lord's return!