

IT'S URGENT

I PETER 4:7-11

BACKGROUND: The previous lesson exhorts you to be ready, not only for suffering, but also for Judgement Day. You do this by faith—being filled or controlled by the Holy Spirit. This lesson again urgently exhorts you to be ready to meet Jesus by telling you that the end is near. No matter how old you are, the end is always near!

LOVE EACH OTHER DEEPLY! In the Christian life, there is no place for hypersensitivity. God's grace (His power) always enables you to endure difficult people and circumstances. For difficult people, you should choose and practice love not because of who they are, but because of who you (empowered by the Holy Spirit) are! (**I Peter 4:7-8, fn 4:7-9, Philippians 2:1-4, fn 2:3, Romans 15:1-7, fn 15:5-7, I Corinthians 13:4-7, fn 13:4-7, I John 4:12-21, fn 4:18, fn 4:19**) *How could you, or will you, love someone who seems to you unlovable? Why is this urgent?*

HELP OUT! Use your God-given gifts. They are needed to spread the gospel. In America about two thirds of the people you meet do not know Jesus. Team Discipleship's small group studies are a great way to introduce others to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. With God's grace and your God-given gifts, help start small groups and have the joy of seeing unbelievers trust Christ. (**I Peter 4:9-10, fn 4:10-11, I Peter 3:14-15, fn 3:15[2nd], I Peter 2:9, fn 2:9, II Corinthians 5:17-21, fn 5:20, Proverbs 11:30, fn 11:30**) *How could you help the Lord's work to prosper?*

DO EVERYTHING IN GOD'S STRENGTH! For God's work He will supply His strength and the needed abilities and resources. Then you will feel His conformation by the joy of His presence; and, most importantly, God, through the knowledge of Jesus Christ, will be glorified and praised! (**I Peter 4:11, fn 4:11, Philippians 4:13, fn 4:13, I Corinthians 10:31, fn 10:31, Jude 21-25, fn 24-25[2nd], Colossians 3:17, fn 3:17**) *Why should you pray in Jesus' name?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?

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