

# “The End is Near, So Get Busy!” 6/2/2019

## 1 Peter 4:7-11

### Sermon Series- “Living for the Glory of God in a Hostile World”

**Big Idea-** The world and our old friends judge us because we will not participate in our old sinful life anymore. Now, because we live with the ever present nearness of Jesus’ return, we need be self-disciplined in our prayer life, love, and service to the soon returning King of Kings.

**Last days (times)-** 1 Peter 1:20; Heb 1:2; 9:26; Acts 2:14-17; 1 John 2:18; James 5:3

**End of the age-** Matt. 13:39, 40, 49; 24:3; 28:20; 1 Cor 10:11

**Nearness for Peter-** John 21:18-19; 2 Peter 3:3-9 “scoffers will come...”

**God’s Judgment in 1 Peter-** 1:17; 2:23; 4:5, 6, 17

*It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Heb 10:31)*

*And do this because we know the time, that it is already the hour for us to awake from sleep, for our salvation is now nearer than when we became believers.*

(Rom. 13:11 NET)

**LESSON 1-** If we truly believe Jesus is the judge it should reflect in our Conduct

- A. A change in our conduct understands that Jesus’ return is SOONER
  - 1) Israel is in land (Ezek 37; Daniel 9:24-27; Jer 30:7)
  - 2) Europe or ancient Roman Empire is reviving (Daniel 2, 7, 9)
  - 3) Jerusalem a burdensome stone (Zech 12:2-3)
  - 4) Russia/Persian Alliance (Ezekiel 38-39)
  - 5) Technology that provides Mark of the Beast (Revelation 13:18)
  - 6) World Wars, False Messiahs, etc. (Matthew 24)
  - 7) Temple Preparations (Dan 9:27; 2 Thess 2; Matt 24:15; Rev 11:1)
  - 8) Increase in knowledge and travel at time of end (Daniel 12:2)
- B. Our conduct should be one of self-control and sobriety in our PRAYERS (clear minded, undistracted and sober, not cloudy or sluggish)
- C. Our conduct should demonstrate a stretched out LOVE (Proverbs 10:12; 19:11; James 5:20; contrast Phil 4:1-2; 1 Cor 6:7)
- D. Our conduct should use the gifts that God has EQUIPPED us with. (Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:11-16)

Some reasons we don’t use our gifts: 1) busyness; 2) confidence; 3) lazy; 4) apathetic; 5) no love of Jesus (John 14:15); 6) bitterness; 7) priorities 8) desire for anonymity (reason some people go to big churches).

**Going Deeper** *God expects us to be READY in prayer, love, and service!*

*Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciple*