



GLORIFYING GOD

WHILE ANTICIPATING CHRIST

1 PETER 4:7-11

MIDLOTHIAN BIBLE CHURCH

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(7) The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

(8) Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

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(9) Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

(10) As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

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(11) whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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**Christ's return and God's
glory changes how we love
others.**

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Peter's Audience

- Believers in Jesus
- Exiles/Forigeners
- Suffering Persecution
- Poverty & Servitude

The Book of 1 Peter

- Reminding them of their hope in Jesus
- Chapters 1-3
 - 17 Relational Commands (14 Towards Others)
- Chapters 4-5
 - 7 Relational Commands (7 Towards Believers)

1 Peter Overview

- Exiles, Persecuted, Impoverished, and in Servitude
- Faith in Jesus is Primary Hope
- Their Hope in Jesus Changes Their Relationships

The Motivation

(7) The end of all things is at hand; therefore...

(11b) ... in order that in everything God may
be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him
belong glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.

Our Heart for God

(7b) ...therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

“Self-Controlled”

A uniquely Christian concept of restored rationality under the lordship of Christ... a redeemed mind that thinks in harmony with God's revealed will.

“Sober-Minded”

Maintaining spiritual sobriety, fleeing from sin, in view of a believer's present ministry or the impending return of Christ.

The Importance of Prayer

Intentional, clear, and repentant prayer redirects believers to their lack and God's provision.

Our Heart for Others

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(9) Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

“Love” (Agape)

A selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love characterized by a commitment to the well-being of others, regardless of personal cost or reciprocation

Our Heart for Others

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without grumbling.

“Hospitality”

“Lover of Strangers”

The root word for hospitality is
philadelphía... Brotherly/Familial Love

Ministers of God's Grace

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“Gift”

A Spirit-given enablement for service and intends to display the goodness of the Giver, God.

“Oracles of God”

Specifically refers to the “words” of God. Encapsulating how God’s words are authoritative, living, and demand faithful transmission.

What Now?

Do you **BELONG** in Community?

Do you **BUILD UP** through serving?

Are you Motivated by Christ's Return
and God's Glory?



Show Hospitality

The Culture of Hospitality is up to
YOU.

Meet Someone New Each Sunday.

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