

# BLESSED HOPE



# BIBLE CHURCH

**Learning of Christ, Loving in Christ, Leaning on Christ, Living for Christ, Leading to Christ  
Based on the Word of God**

# 1 PETER

LIVING FOR THE  
LORD IN BAD TIMES



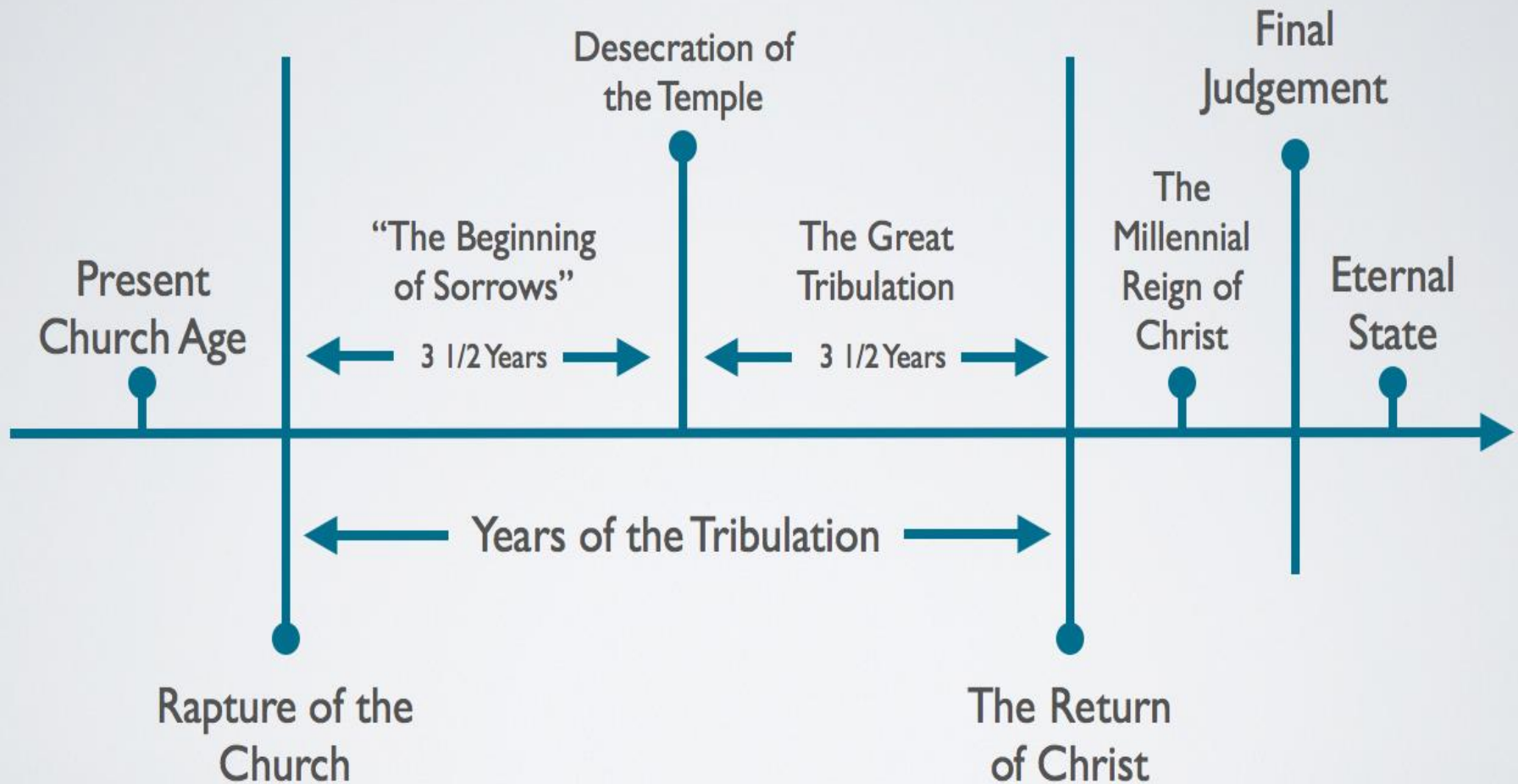


# **LIVING PREPARED FOR THE END OF ALL THINGS 1PETER 4:7-11**



- **THE CONTEXT:** The basic theme of 1 Peter is the proper response of a believer in Christ in times of suffering and difficulties.
- **THE PRINCIPLE:** The believer in Christ has the anticipation of an eternal inheritance that gives strength, encouragement and hope even in the most difficult times. In light of this, God wants the believer **to be holy** in all his conduct no matter what difficulties are being faced.
- **Perspective:** The lives a life of godliness and service in light of the fact that the end of all things is at hand.

# Timeline of the End Times



- **Lesson:** True expectation of the Lord's return leads to godly living and service (e.g., if you don't expect the coming of the Lord, it will be seen by how you think, feel, and live).
- The apostle Peter in 1Peter 4:7-11 gives 3 admonitions to encourage the believer to live in light of the fact that the end of all things is at hand.



# **ADMONITION #1: BE SOBERMINDED AND WATCHFUL IN YOUR PRAYERS**

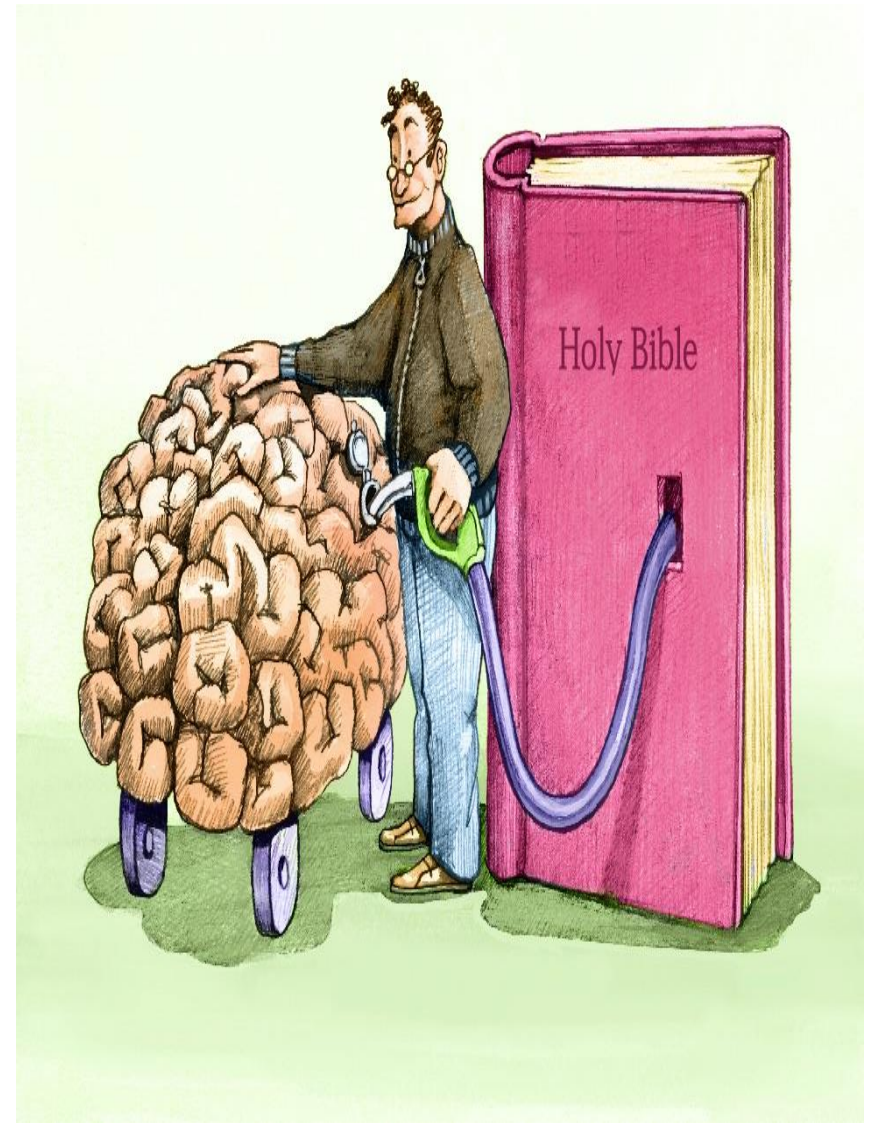
## **1Peter 4:7**





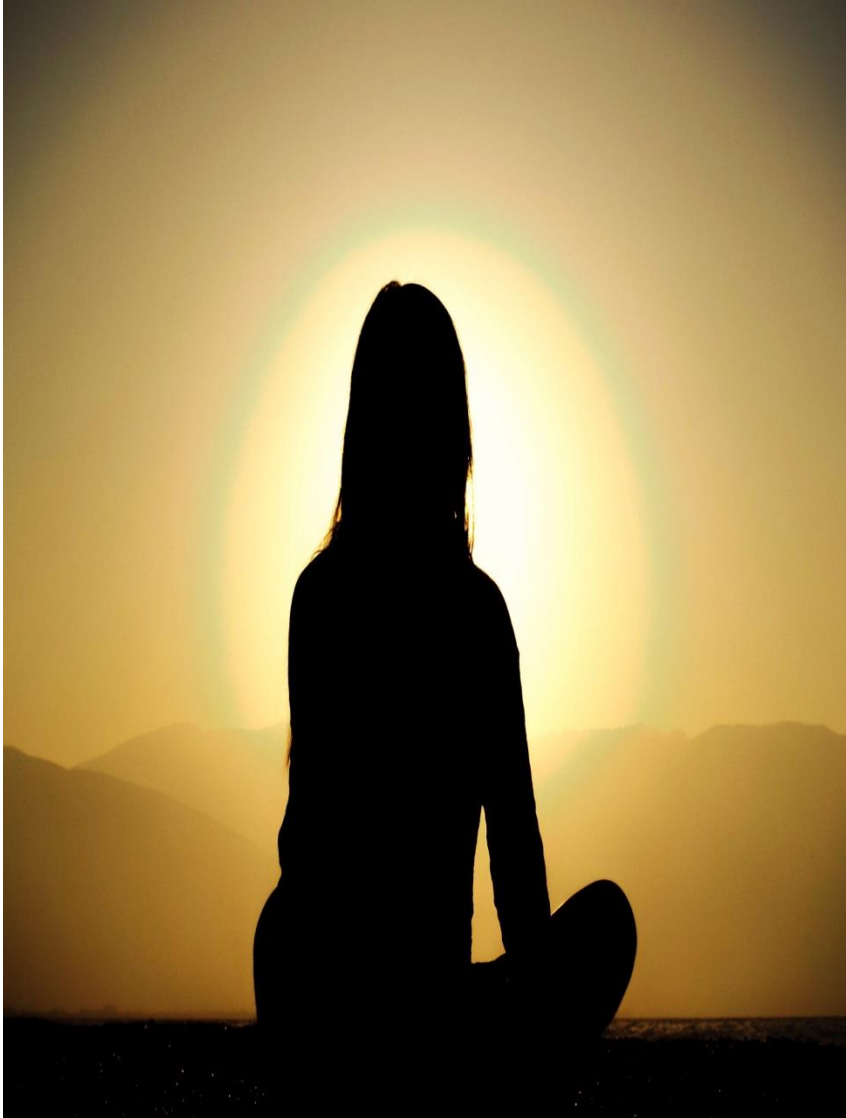
# The Meaning of Sobermindedness

- **Affirmation:** To keep your mind steady, clear, awake, alert.
  - This comes from growth in the knowledge of the Word of God
  - This comes from trust in the Lord in every day situations.
- **Application:** A believer in Christ should not be confused by drink, drugs, laziness, or delusions from false doctrines





# The Nature of Sobermindedness



- **Affirmation:** To face life realistically, purposefully, and with sound judgment.
  - The Scriptures give confidence and sound judgment.
  - The Scriptures give proper restraint and purpose in life.
- **Application:** The believer in Christ is not living an unbalanced, impulsive, confused and drifting life.

# The Result of Sobermindedness

- **Affirmation:** The result of a sober mind is a watchful prayer life.
  - Prayer offer up to God adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication because of who He is, what He has done, and what He will do.
  - Prayer is the manifestation of our trust in wisdom, truth, ability, trustworthiness, and faithfulness of God.
- **Application:** A sober mind will focus upon quality time in prayer—both public and private.



# **ADMONITION #2: HAVE FERVENT LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER 1Peter 4:8**





# The Meaning of Fervent Love



**LOVE** one another, As i have **LOVED** you.

*John 13:34*

- **Affirmation:** Fervent love is more than an emotional feeling.
  - It is sacrificial giving of ourselves for the welfare of others.
  - It is a willful choice that goes against the selfish flesh.
- **Note carefully:** This is the fourth time that this epistle exhorts believers to love one another (cf., 1:22; 2:17; 3:8).
- **Application:** One's love for the Lord is seen in one's love for other believers

# The Nature of Fervent Love

- **Affirmation:** Love covers a multitude of sins.
  - This is a quote from Proverbs 10:12: “Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins.”
  - Love does not stir up strife, condone or justify sin, nor allow sin to go unchecked.
- **Application:** Love seeks to forgive, reconcile, and serve.

have fervent love for one another  
for "love will cover a multitude of sins"



1 Peter 4:8

# The Result of Fervent Love



- **Affirmation:** An attitude of hospitality is a concrete manifestation and demonstration of fervent love.
  - This is the generous and cordial reception of guests
  - This is showing unselfish charity to the needy.
  - This is sharing what you have with others.
  - Note that the word hospital comes from this word.
- **Application:** Hospitality is the result of fervent love.



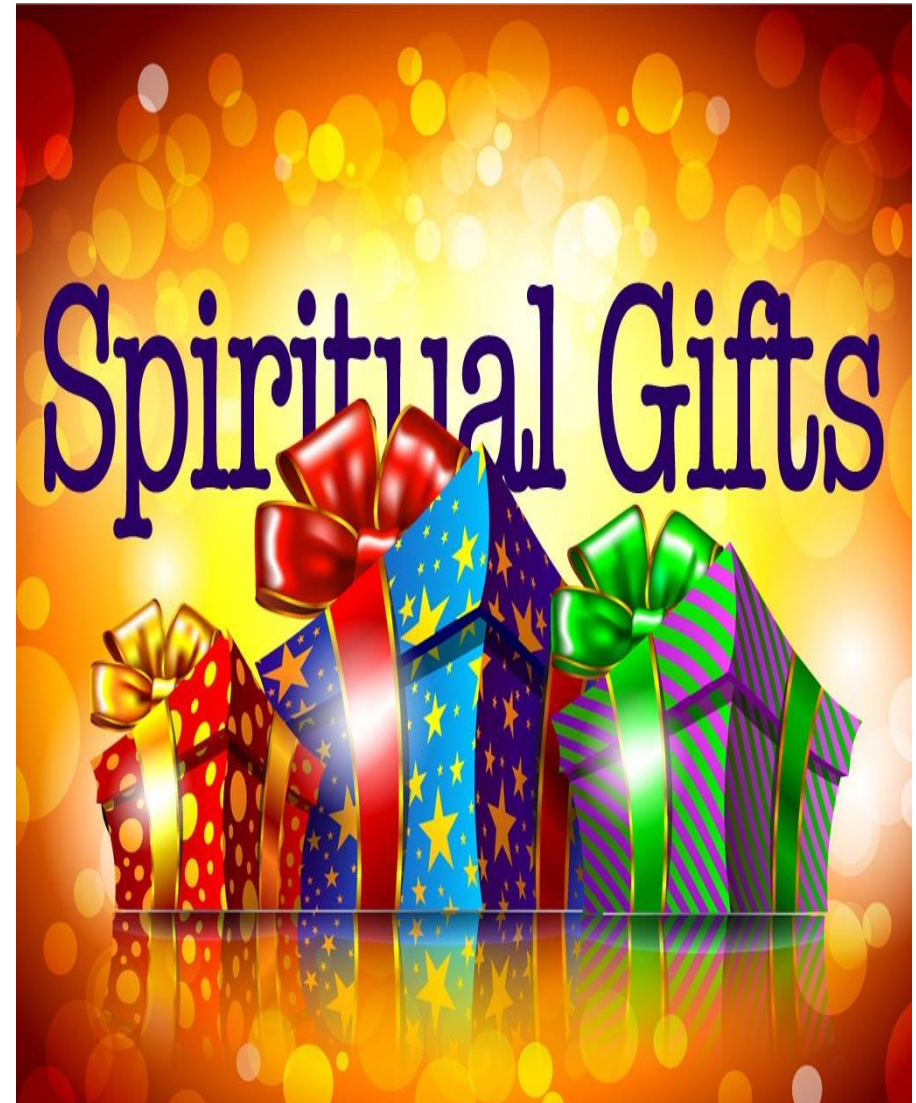
# **ADMONITION #3: MINISTER YOUR GIFT AS A GOOD STEWARD OF THE MANIFOLD GRACE OF GOD**

**1Peter 4:10-11**



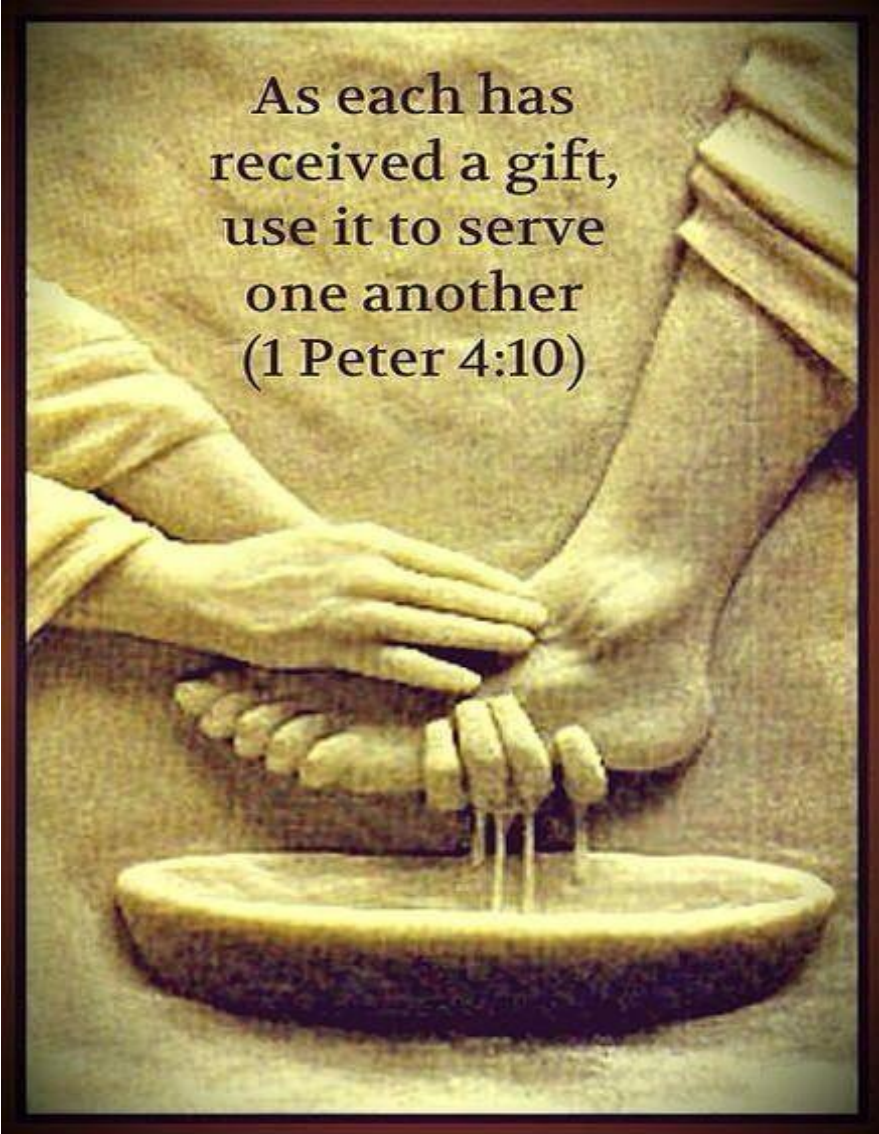
# The Nature of the “gift”

- **Affirmation:** Every believer has received a spiritual gift from God to minister for the spiritual well being of others.
  - It is given by grace—not merit
  - It is given by the sovereign decision of God—not human will.
  - It is given for the benefit of others—not self
- **Application:** Believers are not here to serve themselves or to be served, but to minister to others.





# The Use of the “gift”

A sculpture of a hand washing a foot into a basin, with text overlaid.

As each has  
received a gift,  
use it to serve  
one another  
(1 Peter 4:10)

- **Affirmation:** All believers are stewards of what God has given them (e.g., their money, possessions, talents, intellect, abilities, experience, ect.,)
  - A steward does not own anything, the master does
  - A steward has been entrusted to manages what belongs to the master.
- **Application:** A believer uses what God has entrusted to him to minister to others.



# The Purpose of the “gift”

- **Affirmation:** God’s gifts are not for personal use, but to glorify God through Jesus Christ.
  - God is glorified when we minister to others with the ability with which God supplies.
  - The “gift” that one receives is NOT the issue, the ministry to others IS the issue.
- **Application:** The purpose of a believer is NOT to exalt himself but to exalt the Lord in all that he does.





# Listing of Spiritual Gifts

## Romans 12

Encouragement  
Giving  
Leadership  
Mercy  
Prophecy  
Service  
Teaching

## 1 Corinthians 12

Administration	Apostle
Discernment	Faith
Healing	Helps
Interpretation of Languages	Knowledge
Languages	Miracles
Prophecy	Teaching
Wisdom	

## Ephesians 4

Apostle	Evangelism
Pastor	Prophecy
Teaching	

## 1 Peter 4

Serving  
Teaching

# A CHALLENGE FOR YOU

- Are you living like the end of all things is at hand?





RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR  
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



1. **Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for your sin, and that He arose again from the dead on the third day.
2. **Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
3. **Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.