



Week 9

Sermon Series: Sojourners & Exiles: 1 Peter

Sermon Title: Armed with Christ Part 2

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Group Week of: October 30, 2022

Sermon Date: November 6, 2022

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Return of Christ – Matthew 24:36-51
Day 2	Alertness – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Day 3	Hospitality – Luke 10:25-37
Day 4	Spiritual Gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Day 5	God's Strength – Philippians 2:12-18

The Text

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Observe everything.** Use pens and highlighters to mark the text. Come up with your own system of symbols, underlines, arrows, highlights, and notes that will *help you understand and apply*. Only do what is helpful.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.

⁷ The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Textual Questions

- 1) What is the message God and Peter are speaking to the church in Asia Minor (and to you) through this passage?
- 2) What do all of these commands have to do with the attitude of Christ (1 Peter 4:1)?
- 3) How does living the way Peter describes result in glory given to God through Jesus Christ?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) In Psalm 90, we are reminded of how important it is to “number our days.” Is remembering that “the end of all things is near” the same as this command to “number our days”?

- 2) When you believe that Christ’s return is coming soon, what areas of your life become more urgent? What things become less important? How would living this way improve your daily life? How would it affect your prayer life?

- 3) Are you sensitive to insults or potential insults (passive-aggressive comments/questions or back-handed compliments) from other people? If so, how does loving others cover over sins like these? When should we lovingly confront, instead of cover, someone else’s sin?

- 4) When was the last time you practiced hospitality in your own home? Does the thought of hospitality cause you to grumble? If so, what is causing this heart attitude in you, and how can that be transformed by arming yourself with the attitude of Christ?

- 5) Spiritual gifts are to be used for the service of others (v10).
 - i. What is your spiritual gift, and how are you using it to serve others?

 - ii. Are you at least serving others in some way even if it is not by using your spiritual gift?

 - iii. If you are neither serving, nor aware of your spiritual gift, will you commit to serving somewhere in an effort to begin to discover your spiritual gift?

- 6) How does someone “serve in the strength that God provides”? How can you know the difference between serving in your strength alone, or in the strength provided by the Lord?

- 7) What is the difference between service that brings glory to the individual rather than glory to God? Secondly, if you are praised for your service to God, is there a way to truly give that glory to the Lord? If so, how?