

1 Peter 4:7-11

“Living for the End”

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How do you think about the end?

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“ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.” —

Romans 8:19-22

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2 aspects – all wrong removed; all good perfected

“ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” – Revelation 21:27

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” – Revelation 21:4

“Behold , I am making all things new.” – Revelation 21:5

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“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.” – Matthew 24:36

“He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.” – Acts 1:7

“Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

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“ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.” – 2 Peter 8:8-9

“ The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom ... Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. – Matthew 15:1, 13

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“your prayers” - Focused and Dependent on God

“above all, keep loving...” - Community of Mutual Love

“serve one another” - Benefitting from God’s Shared Grace

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