

Add To Your Faith Series

# BUT THE END OF ALL THINGS IS AT HAND

1 PETER 4:7-19

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<sup>7</sup> But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

Introduction:

As we began last week considering the ten commandments to keep us alert and serving till the Lord returns.

We considered the first five:

1. We are to be sober
2. We are to be watchful unto prayer
3. We are to be loving
4. We are to be sincere in hospitality
5. We are to be ministering

Note now we are to:

## 6. BE SOUND IN SPEECH (VS. 11)

### **1 Peter 4:11**

<sup>11</sup> *If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

We need preachers and teachers today who are careful to proclaim God's Word rightly.

### **2 Timothy 2:15**

<sup>15</sup> *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Not only are we to Be Sound In Speech but also:

## 7. BE PRAISING AND GLORIFYING GOD

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The Lord is worthy of all praise and we His people should glorify His name.

**Psalm 115:1**

*<sup>1</sup> Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.*

**Psalm 96:1-9**

*<sup>1</sup> O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. <sup>4</sup> For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. <sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. <sup>6</sup> Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. <sup>7</sup> Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. <sup>8</sup> Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. <sup>9</sup> O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.*

We have much to praise God for

**Philippians 4:4**

*<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.*

### **Psalm 103:1-5**

*<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: <sup>3</sup> Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; <sup>4</sup> Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; <sup>5</sup> Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Not only are we to Be Sound In Speech; Be Praising and Glorified but also:

## **8. BE READY TO SUFFER**

### **1 Peter 4:12-14**

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: <sup>13</sup> But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. <sup>14</sup> If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

As Christians, according to Verse 13, we should count it a privilege to suffer for the sake of Christ. 2 Timothy 3:12, Philippians 1:29

Why should we consider it a privilege to be a "partaker of Christ's sufferings"? Because He suffered for us that we might have eternal life. He went to the cross in your place. He went to the cross in my place, that we might have forgiveness of sins and everlasting life.

***Isaiah 53:3-7***

*<sup>3</sup> He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.*

In Vs. 16 Peter tells us we have nothing to be ashamed of if we suffer as Christians. To call someone a "Christian" in those days was not a compliment.

If you suffer today because you are making a true stand for Christ do not be ashamed. Instead of being

ashamed of being a Christian, we should bring glory to God by our behavior as Christians.

“As trees must be pruned, gold refined, grain sifted, and pearls polished, so the Lord tests and tries His children that they may develop their true potential and reflect their Maker’s glory.”

What benefits do these things bring to our lives?

- They make us more like Christ

### **1 Peter 1:6-9**

*<sup>6</sup> Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: <sup>7</sup> That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: <sup>8</sup> Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: <sup>9</sup> Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.*

They teach us Patience and Make Us Grow

### **James 1:2-4**

*<sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; <sup>3</sup> Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have her*

*perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

Suffering also gives to those watching us a wonderful testimony of our LORD Jesus Christ.

Not only are we to Be Sound In Speech; Be Praising and Glorified; Be Ready to Suffer but also:

## **9. BE NOT ASHAMED**

### **1 Peter 4:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or *as* a thief, or *as* an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. <sup>16</sup> Yet if *any man suffer* as a Christian, **let him not be ashamed**; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

Our LORD gladly bore our shame for us, we should gladly bear shame for Him and not be ashamed of him!

### **Hebrews 13:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. <sup>14</sup> For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

Someone has said, "Shame arises from a fear of man, Courage from a fear of God!"

### **Acts 5:40-42**

<sup>40</sup> *And to him they agreed: and when they had called*

*the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup> And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. <sup>42</sup> And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.*

We need to not be ashamed to stand up for our Saviour and the principles of the Word of God.

**Luke 9:26**

*<sup>26</sup> For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.*

Not only are we to Be Sound In Speech; Be Praising and Glorified; Be Ready to Suffer; Be Not Ashamed but also:

## **10. BE READY TO STAND BEFORE GOD**

**1 Peter 4:17-19**

*<sup>17</sup> For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? <sup>19</sup> Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the*

*keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.*

- All of us will one day stand before God and give an account of ourselves to Him

## **2 Corinthians 5:10-11**

*<sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. <sup>11</sup> Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.*

- How we fair depends on us.

## **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

*<sup>11</sup> For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; <sup>13</sup> Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.*

**Peter Gives Us Two Things To Keep In Mind Seeing We Must Appear Before God:**

- We Must seek to Lead the Lost to the Lord (vs. 17-18)

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- We Must Commit Ourselves to God (vs. 19)

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Close:

How long is the rest of our time? Only God knows! But we must not waste it, but make the best use of every opportunity to serve Him!

### **Ephesians 5:16**

*<sup>16</sup> Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

Let us by the Grace of God, do all we can for His Glory!  
Let us be willing to suffer, serve, share, and speak out for Him!

