



### **The Time**

1 Peter 4:7-19

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He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.

Revelation 22:20-21 (NIV)

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

2 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

1 Timothy 4:1 (NIV)

“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in Heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

Matthew 24:36 (NIV)

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

1 Peter 4:7 (NIV)

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### **What Does This Behavior Look Like?**

**Walk in** \_\_\_\_\_

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8 (NIV)

Why? =

**Demonstrate** \_\_\_\_\_

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

1 Peter 4:9 (NIV)

Why? =

**Seek To** \_\_\_\_\_ **Serve God’s** \_\_\_\_\_

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Why? =

**Make sure my** \_\_\_\_\_ **represents God’s presence**

If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it 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.

1 Peter 4:11 (NIV)

Why? =

### **Preparation**

**1. R** \_\_\_\_\_ **Suffering is bound to happen**

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

1 Peter 4:12 (NIV)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

## 2. R\_\_\_\_\_ when suffering happens

But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed.

1 Peter 4:13 (NIV)

“enjoy” =

“rejoice” =

### Reasons We Rejoice

- Because suffering \_\_\_\_\_ me to Christ

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1 Peter 4:13 (NIV)

- Because suffering indicates \_\_\_\_\_ in my life

If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

1 Peter 4:14 (NIV)

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalms 34:18 (NIV)

## 3. R\_\_\_\_\_ To Be Ashamed

If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

1 Peter 4:15-16 (NIV)

## 3 Kinds of Suffering:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ suffering – because I am a human being
2. \_\_\_\_\_ suffering – because I sin
3. \_\_\_\_\_ suffering – because I am a believer

## 4. R\_\_\_\_\_ The Reward I Will Receive

For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And, “If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

1 Peter 4:17-18 (NIV)

## 5. R\_\_\_\_\_ faithful to God

So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

1 Peter 4:19 (NIV)

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Romans 1:16 (NIV)