

SUNDAY MORNING (February 10th) • 1 Peter 4:1-11

Serving as Stewards of God's Varied Grace

What significance should be attached by Peter's transitional phrase at the beginning of 4:1—"Since therefore"?

In what practical ways does the fact that Christ "suffered in the flesh" help or motivate Christians to "arm [themselves] with the same way of thinking" (4:1)?

"For whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God" (4:1-2). What does this mean?

In your own words, how would you describe what the Spirit of God (through Peter) is describing and warning against in 4:3-6?

"The end of all things is at hand" (4:7). In what way?

Why is it important for disciples of Christ to "be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of [their] prayers" (4:7)?

Why would the imperative to "keep loving one another earnestly" be qualified with a phrase like "above all" (4:8)?

"Love covers a multitude of sins" (4:8). How, practically speaking?

How would you summarize what God is prescribing for his children in 4:10-11. And why? Why would he encourage us to actively devote ourselves to such things? What difference will they make in our lives and the lives of others?