

**SERMON DATE: May 16, 2021**

**SERMON SERIES: Will You Be Ready?**

**SERMON TITLE: How Now Shall We Live? Part 1**

## TEXT

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1 Peter:7-11

<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer. <sup>8</sup> Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Be hospitable to one another without complaint. <sup>10</sup> As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. <sup>11</sup> Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## KEY QUESTION

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If Jesus could come back tomorrow, how should we be living in the light of that reality?

***Imperative #1: Since Jesus could return tomorrow, we all need to think clearly today.***

<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit*

(1 Peter 4:7a)

***Imperative #2: Since Jesus could return tomorrow, we all need to pray continually today.***

<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer.

(1 Peter 4:7)

***Imperative #3: Since Jesus could return tomorrow, we all need to love fervently today.***

<sup>8</sup> Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

(1 Peter 4:8)

***Imperative #4: Since Jesus could return tomorrow, we all need to share selflessly today.***

<sup>9</sup> Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

(1 Peter 4:9)

***Imperative #5: Since Jesus could return tomorrow, we all need to serve sacrificially today.***

<sup>10</sup> As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies;

(1 Peter 4:10,11b)

***Imperative #6: Since Jesus could return tomorrow, we all need to speak wisely today.***

<sup>11</sup> Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

(1 Peter 4:11)