

**LIVING IN LIGHT OF CHRIST'S RETURN
(1 Peter 4:7-11)**

I. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING & TRIALS REQUIRE...

**A. A MINDSET That Is PREPARED to SUFFER for Righteousness Sake IN Doing GOD'S WILL
(4:1-6)**

**B. A MENTALITY That is _____ and _____ In Light of
Christ's RETURN (4:7)**

1. The *context* of the immediate passage is not merely anticipated _____, but that "the _____ of all things is _____, or at hand."

- What does "*the end*" point toward?
- How is this set forth in this epistle? (1:7, 13, 5:4)
- The 2nd Coming of Christ has two aspects to it...
- What *reality* and *attitude* should this promote with us today? Cf 1:13

2. The content of verse 7 emphasizes your _____ relationship with the Lord involving...

a. _____ thinking with spiritual _____... ("*be serious*")

- What again does God appeal to first?
- Where does "principled biblical thinking" come from?

b. _____ thinking and being on the spiritual _____ ... (“*and (be) watchful!*”)

Matthew 24:42

1 John 2:28

Matthew 26:41

- Why is this exhortation needed?

c. _____ communion and dependence on the _____ ... (“*in your prayers*”)

- What does this assume?
- What does this teach us about the purpose of principled thinking and alertness?

**C. A MINISTRY to OTHERS that is _____ and SPIRITUALLY _____
Motivated by _____ (4:8-11)**

1. The priority **horizontally** is for you to have a _____ (4:8a)

- Note the order of verse 7 & 8
- What kind of love are you to display or demonstrate?
 - this love can only be produced by _____
 - this love can only be reproduced through us by the power of the _____
 - the standard for this kind of love is the _____
 - why do we practice this kind of love?
- How are you to love one another?
- Who should you love like this?
- Why should you love one another?
- What does forgiveness toward one another mean?