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“Hope-Filled Living”
Summary of Living Now with the End in View
1 Peter 4:7-11
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Martin Luther is quoted as saying, “There are two days in my calendar. This day and that Day.” Several texts in Scripture express that sentiment, but few are quite as clear as 1 Pet 4:7-11. Here the Apostle tells us explicitly to live now in view of *the end of all things*. As we look closely at the details, Peter’s remarkable vision emerges with a sense of urgency. He told us earlier that Christ appeared *in these last times* for our sakes (1:20), and now he tells us that *the end*-goal toward which *all* historical events are headed *is at hand* (4:7). We live at the culminating point—a point of unparalleled privilege—in the history of revelation and redemption. When he comes back, Christ will serve those who have patiently anticipated that day. But he also warned believers to be alert and prepared for that event, because we do not know the precise time of his appearing. In this passage, Peter reveals four duties of believers for their endurance as a colony of exiles in times of tests and trials.

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