

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1-PETER CHAPTER 4:7-11

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1 Peter 4:7-11

:7 But the **end** of all things is **at hand**; therefore be **serious** and **watchful** in your **prayers**. **8** And **above all things** have **fervent love** for **one another**, for **“love will cover a multitude of sins.”**

9 Be **hospitable** to **one another** without **grumbling**. **10** As **each** one has received a **gift**, **minister** it to **one another**, as **good stewards** of the **manifold grace** of God. **11** If (a) anyone **speaks**, let him speak as the **oracles** of God. If (b) anyone **ministers**, let him do it as with the **ability** which God **supplies**, that **in all things** God may be **glorified** through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the **glory** and the **dominion** forever and ever. **Amen.**

**“The True Measure of ‘Effect and Influence’
that Jesus Christ Has Had Upon a Man or a Woman Today
Can Only be Seen in the lives of those to whom Jesus Christ IS LORD.
A life that is in Submitting to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.”**

This “Bowling of the Heart’s Knee” is the only true victory in Christianity.

Philippians 4:12-13

I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. **13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**

**“In that submission to Him – comes all the power
and glory and fulfillment to what it means to be a Christian in the 21st. Century.”**

Galatians 2:20a

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live,
but Christ lives in me;

“It’s as if, Jesus Christ is saying; “If you come to Me and open up your heart and your life to Me, I will move deep inside of you and take absolute control. I will begin to form Myself within you in such a way that there will be nothing left of you – you will be alive but this time like never before. And now the life that you will be living will be the life that I had planned for you before the world ever was!”

The greatest liberty. The greatest freedom. The greatest joy.
The Greatest **meaning** in your life is when you’re consumed in Jesus Christ.

“I have but one passion - it is He, it is He alone.”
-Imperial Count Nikolaus Von Zinzendorf

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Going Public Means That...

Having Your Heart In The Fight

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| 2a.) Loving in practical ways | vs. 8-9 |
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:8 And above all things have **fervent love for one another,**
for **“love will cover a multitude of sins.”**

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love (*Jesus*) suffers long and is kind; love (*Jesus*) does not envy; love (*Jesus*) does not parade itself, (*Jesus*) is not puffed up; 5 (*Jesus*) does not behave rudely, (*Jesus*) does not seek its own, (*Jesus*) is not provoked, (*Jesus*) thinks no evil; 6 (*Jesus*) does not rejoice in iniquity, but (*Jesus*) rejoices in the truth; 7 (*Jesus*) bears all things, (*Jesus*) believes all things, (*Jesus*) hopes all things, (*Jesus*) endures all things.
:8 Love (*Jesus*) never fails.

In the words of the great philosopher, Tina Turner
who once asked the question;

“What’s Love Got to Do With It?”

“In Christianity, Keeping Score is Never Allowed.”

- Jack Hibbs

Jesus taught us by example that, true love is a death-defying-love. There is no other kind.

- Jack Hibbs

Verse 9

Be **hospitable** to **one another** without **grumbling**.

Hospitable

grk: philo'xenos; to open heart-home-hearth. to be loving toward a visiting or passing stranger. to welcome or to offer care to a fellow traveler.

Romans 12:10-13

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; **11** not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; **12** rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; **13** distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Hebrews 13:1-3

Let brotherly love continue. **2** Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. **3** Remember the prisoners as if chained with them - - those who are mistreated - - since you yourselves are in the body also.

Grumbling

grk: goggusmos; muttering, murmuring, complaining, grumbling and to moan. to turn sourer. – to give or do with regret.

**The Toxicity of Grumbling (whining) is Contiguous.
(Gen. George Washington's Command)**

1 John 3:17

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, **how does the love of God abide in him?**

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7** So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, **not grudgingly or of necessity**; for **God loves a cheerful giver**.

“Biblical love is a powerful, physical witness”

- Jack Hibbs

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Having Your Heart In The Fight

2b.) Going with what you have

vs. 10

10 As **each** one has **received** a **gift**, **minister** it to **one another**,
as **good stewards** of the **manifold grace** of God.

As **each** one has **received** a **gift**,
(this begs the question; who is the gift giver?)

The Work of The Holy Spirit.

gift **grk:** charisma; a gift of (from) grace, a free gift: a favored gift. a gift placed where it is enjoyed the most and does the most.

Ephesians 4:7-8,11-13

But to each one of us **grace** was given according to the measure of **Christ's gift**. **8** Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men... :**11** And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, **13** till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the **stature** of the fullness of Christ; (*till you stand, talk, love like Jesus*)

Works Like This:

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5** There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. **6** And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. **7** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

How can you know what gift(s) He has given to you?
minister it (the gift) to **one another**,

As you seek God for direction in this – He will magnify
an interest in you.

"But how do I know if my interests are from
me or God?"

Step out and see – exercise some faith and present yourself to the task at hand and **watch what happens. If He is in it – it will blossom.**

Verse 10

as **good stewards** of the manifold grace of God.

meaning – the gift He gives you is to be shared and used and employed for the benefit of the rest of us. In so living, you and I will be like Jesus on earth today
– **On Mission**

Good grk: KALO(s); beautiful, excellent, honorable, sound.

Stewards grk: oikonomos; a manager with the concerns as a household manager. i.e. Joseph in Egypt. Daniel in Babylon.

manifold grk: poikilos; many or multi-faceted. A wide variation of (grace)

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3.) Finishing what He began

vs. 11

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Finishing What He Began

3a.) Just do what He did

vs. 11a

11 If (a) anyone **speaks**, let him speak as the **oracles** of God.
If (b) anyone **ministers**, let him do it as with the **ability** which God **supplies**,

“If anyone **speaks**. If anyone **ministers**”

In this we see as it were “**the passing of the baton**” of Jesus Christ to His Church. (**The Work of The Holy Spirit**)

“**The Book of Acts**” is also called “**The Acts of Apostles**”
are there any theologians in the house?

**Technically, What ought the Book of Acts be Called –
The Acts of the Holy Spirit / The Works of The Holy Spirit.**

John 16:12-14 KJV

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. **13** Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for **He shall not speak of Himself**; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come. **14** He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you.

**The ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Believer
Is the ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ on earth.**

John 14:12

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

The follower of Jesus gives / serves others from The Overflow

John 7:37-39

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive;

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have **boldness** in the day of judgment; **because** as He is, **so are we** in this world.

ability grk: ischus; perh. the allocation of strength (given). the level of power needed for the job. that which is provided or made available.

The Power and Provision of the Holy Spirit.

“The Modern American church ought to break off its affair. The church today is infatuated with the world and with its trinkets and bling. The Modern American church is drunk on being edgy and cool. Hype and show, performance and pleasure has converted the mission of the church into a clubhouse by day and a nightclub by night.”

- Jack Hibbs

The First Century Church Knew Nothing of That

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. **2** For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. **3** I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. **4** And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5** that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the **power** of God.

John 14:16-18

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you **another** Helper, that He may abide with you **forever** - - **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you. **18** I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

The Enablement of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-4 NIV

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit **enabled** them.

**God will never call you to a task
that He has not first supplied the power for you to do it.**

“God’s work never lacks God’s supply”

Pastor Chuck Smith, the founder of Calvary Chapel would often say;

“When God guides God provides”

I like to put it his way;

“God never operates in the red.”

**As the early church was given power, it effected it’s
community – it then grew again in power and in numbers**

Acts 4:29-31

Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, **30** by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.” **:31** And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with **boldness**.

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3b.) And do it the way He did it

vs. 11b

:11b that **in all things** God may be **glorified** through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the **glory** and the **dominion** forever and ever. **Amen**.

The Day We Cast Our Crowns Before Him in Worship

Revelation 4:9-11

Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and **cast their crowns** before the throne, saying: 11 “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”

As an **individual**, are you glorifying God in your **mind**?

As a **family**, are you glorifying God in your **home**?

As an **church**, are we glorifying God in our **lives**?

The CROSS of Christ, The CHRIST of God, The CALL of Jesus

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