



"Between a Hard Place and The Rock: Living in Light of Christ's Coming" (Part 2)

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1 Peter 4:7b-8



7 The end of all things has come near; therefore, be of sound and sound mind for the purpose of prayer. 8 Above all, remain fervent in your love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another, without complaint. 10 As each one has received a spiritual gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, [let him speak] as the utterances of God; if anyone serves, [let him serve] out of

the strength supplied by God; so that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and power forever and ever. Amen!

– 1 Peter 4:7-11, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

The Passage is Also Found on Page 182 of the New Testament Section of the Pew Bibles

Introduction

A mind fused on Christ's coming is focused on persevering in prayer, practicing love, and pursuing God's glory.

I. What is our Motivation? (7a)

A. To Live in Light of Christ's Coming

"The end of all things has come near . . . "

1. Note the Perfect Tense (usually translated w/words, "has," or "have") - The perfect tense is a past-tense with results that continue into the present
2. But . . . What does this mean?

II. What is our Mission? (7b-11a)

A. To be Serious about P (7b)

1. "Sound and Sober mind" translates two verbs - both are imperatives

a. The first verb *sophoneo* (σωφρονεω) - to be serious, sensible, sound (cf. Mark 5:15)

B. To be Selfless in our L (8-11a)

1. The Priority of our love (8a)

2. The Nature of our love (8b)

3. The Depth of our love (8b)

4. The Effect of Our Love (8c)

Conclusion