

MAY 28, 2023

# LIVING STONES

THE END IS NEAR

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

1 PETER 4:7-11

**What should we do to prepare for the end of all things?**

1) Be reasonable, calm and prayerful.

*Philippians 4:6-7 ... "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

2) Love one another eagerly.

*Colossians 3:12 ... "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,"*

3) Welcome people warmly.

4) Serve the church humbly.

5) Glorify God wholeheartedly.

## Questions for Lunch

- 1) How do you think about the second coming of Christ?
  - a) I am anxious about Him coming and expect Him in my lifetime.
  - b) I am keeping watch and eagerly waiting
  - c) I don't think much about it.
  - d) Other
- 2) In what ways are you purposefully preparing and keeping watch for the second coming of Christ?
- 3) When I face a crisis do I tend to turn toward self protection and isolation or love and community? Why and what does God teach us to do?

## Memory Verse for May-June

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**Romans 8:38-39**

## From the Resources

“Looking forward to that Day, we need to hear the exhortations to pray, love, be hospitable, and exercise our spiritual gifts. And we need to do these things *because someday we will be judged for how we did these things*. I often wonder how frequently we examine our lives in light of eternity or of God’s just and fair judgement.”

- Scot McKnight

*NIV Application Commentary  
1 Peter (Pg. 244)*