

God's Grace Upon Our Lives



1 Peter 4:1-11

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I. (LEAVING) THE FORMER LIFE V. 1-4

A. (Arming) ourselves like Christ

B. Turning from the (world)

Romans 12:2 - *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

II. (STANDING) BEFORE THE LORD V. 5-6

A. All people before God

B. (Dead) in the flesh, made (alive) in Christ

Ephesians 2:1-5 - *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved*

III. (BLESSING) WITH OUR GIFTS V. 7-11

A. Prayer

1. Self control and sober mind
2. The impact

B. Love for (One Another)

1. The completeness of love

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 - *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

2. The response of love when sinned against

C. The Use of Spiritual Gifts

1. What are they?
2. How to (discern) them?
3. What is their (purpose)?

1 Peter 4:11b - *in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever.*