

# I Peter Chapter 1

## The Willingness to Sacrifice

**<sup>7</sup> But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.** 1... We need to acknowledge the hour and order our steps. Think through a God Consciousness-"what would Jesus Do" what we discern should drive us to prayer- ask God for spiritual eyes- Elisha surrounded

**<sup>8</sup> And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.** 1.. Number one priority look at your love life- love has the ability to look past sins and offences of others to see their need for Jesus.

**<sup>9</sup> Use hospitality one to another without grudging.** 1.. Begin to serve in a way that will elevate the individual and do not verbalize your complaint and cast down the imagination that would exalt itself above the thought of service.

**<sup>10</sup> As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.** 1...You have a gift...You have a gift... You have a Gift... Sports? Defending my position.

**<sup>11</sup> If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.** Your words must reflect the very nature of God. You are conscious to rely on the ability that only comes from God. You continually praise His name.

**<sup>12</sup>Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:** Assigned by God in the "Last Days" to refine you for the appointed hour. "Lord I am trying now to do your will?" That's why the trouble is permitted to expose the stumbling blocks and hidden strongholds in your life and you are elevated to experience more of Gods goodness.

**<sup>13</sup>But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.** You will see the Glory that results from the trial you went through with Him! Don't loose your praise!

**<sup>14</sup>If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.** Cincinnati, Philadelphia, reproached for the name of Christ the spirit rest on you. If you are ashamed and fearful you don't get the glory it cannot rest on you.

**<sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.** Isn't it amazing that the craze of current entertainment is reality TV totally devoted to "others men's matters" He said she said, she done me wrong He said this???????

**<sup>16</sup>Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.** Sacrifice, when you suffer you will have to give up something based on a Godly principle. People are able to understand the principle to be worth sacrificing for. 'Any man who is greater than his cause then his cause is not worth serving"

**<sup>17</sup>For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? "Judgment will always come first to the Authority God Left In Charge"**

**<sup>18</sup>And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?** There are church folk who will barely make it in, then you know what's going to happen to the ungodly and the sinner.

**<sup>19</sup>Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.** 'The path of least resistance and the unwillingness to "sacrifice" (present your body as a willing sacrifice) will prevent you doing well or well doing which reveals your lukewarm relationship with God. No greater love than this that a man lay down his life for his brethren.

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