

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST 3



Introduction

We often hear the phrase: 'the last days' or the 'end times'. These are not new expressions, as we read them in the Bible! However most would agree that we really are in those last days. In our previous study we saw that Paul wrote, saying that we do not belong to the night, but are sons of the light, so we can understand the 'signs of the times'. This means that there is an urgency! How can we be effective as Christ's ambassadors?

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 4:7-11

1. PRAY FOR OTHERS

- ✪ What is the most important quality that should be seen in our lives? v8 What does it mean by 'love covers a multitude of sins'? Share an example from your own life.
- ✪ One way we can demonstrate love, is by praying for others. Why are self-control and clear mindedness so important for our prayer life?
- ✪ What are your greatest challenges to prayer? How can you make your prayer life more effective?

2. SHARE WITH OTHERS

- ✪ Perhaps you don't have a home yet, but how can you put v9 into practice in your own life?
- ✪ How has your life been impacted when you have been welcomed into other people's homes? Why is this so important for us to do as believers?

3. BLESS OTHERS

- ✪ Each one of us has received gifts from God. Peter mentions two types of gifts. What are they? v11-12
- ✪ In what area do you think your gifts lie? Share with one another.
- ✪ How are we to use these gifts? What should our attitude be? v10-11
- ✪ Consider ways that you can use the gifts God has given you to reach out to those who don't know Christ yet. Share any experiences you have had in doing this already.

Conclusion

Peter writes: '**The end of all things is near. Therefore**' Since the time is short, we need to make the most of the time. We all want to see our church or fellowship group grow, we want our friends to come to know Jesus, therefore: PRAY, SHARE, and BLESS others. We do this "so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."