



“YOU CAN MAKE IT”
1 PETER 4:1-11

◆ **ATTITUDE ABOUT SIN vv. 1-3**

“arm yourself”=a soldier taking up weapons in preparation for battle

Think of what Jesus did to sin v. 1-He had to suffer because of sin. Our Lord came to deal with sin, and conquer it forever.

We no longer serve sin as our master v. 1-Sin as our master keeps us from reaching our full potential in God. Rom 7:18-25

We’ve opened the door to the will of God v. 2

Remember what you were before you met Christ v. 3

◆ **A PATIENT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE LOST vv. 4-6**

Unsaved people do not understand the radical changes that their friends experience when they trust Christ as their savior.

Unsaved People Are:

- Blind to spiritual truth-**2 Cor 4:3-4**
- Dead to spiritual enjoyment-**Eph 2:1**

◆ **AN EXPECTANT ATTITUDE TOWARD CHRIST v. 7-11**

Peter encourages believers to be always ready for Christ return. No one knows when He will return, but He is.

3 Commands To Follow:

- **Stay fervent in love for one another v. 8**-We should be intentional about our love for one another. Nothing more quickly turns unbelievers off of Christ than witnessing His church fighting with each other.

“fervent”=being intent and determined

John 13:34-35, Matt 24:12, 2 Tim 3:1, 1Cor 13

- **Be hospitable to one another v.9**-This means to take love beyond the circle of Christians friends to other believers they do not know. Human hospitality is a reflection of God's hospitality to us.

Hospitality in the Bible: Ex 22:21, Deut 14:28-29, 1 Tim 3:2

- **Keep serving one another vv. 10-11**-Each believer has a spiritual gift, and they should use it to serve. Romans 12

Manifold-"many colored" The term implies that great variety of giftedness can be seen within the Christian community.