

**Peter's Charge to the Church**  
*Holiness Amidst Suffering – Message 20*  
1Peter 4:7-11

**Central Truth:** The Bible teaches that we have been in the “last days” since Christ’s ascension back to the Father and that the Lord may return at any time. Therefore, Peter encourages the church as to what we should “be” and “do” as we commit ourselves to glorifying God in everything.

**I. The Character of the Church (4:7-9).**

**II. The Conduct of the Church (4:10-11).**

**III. The Commitment of the Church (4:11)**

**Scripture of the Week:**

<sup>3</sup> For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup> For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

† Romans 12:3-8 †