

## Living a Vertical Life in a Horizontal World

1 Peter 4:7-11

After reminding his readers of the impending judgment waiting on all, the living and the dead, Peter gives several admonishments concerning our attitude and behavior in this present broken world. We live our lives with a sense of anticipation, a longing for a new and better life. We carry out our horizontal relationships with a vertical perspective. How we treat one another is a true reflection of our fellowship with Christ.

**“All Christians must expect tribulations in the world, but these would soon terminate; for the end of all things was at hand, and death was about to close their course of trials or services; and how can this present experience be at all compared with eternity.”**

Joseph Benson

***Peter emphasizes both suffering and glory! (Romans 8:16-18 & 2 Corinthians 4:16-18)***

**Note: We are accustomed to instant gratification; we are often like spoiled children, “I want it, and I want it now.” We must learn to wait for it! Our best days are just ahead.**

- **Live every day with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s return. (7)** What does Peter mean when he says, “The end of all things is near?” Scholars debate whether Peter has the return of Christ in mind or the reality of death. Either one is sobering!

***(1 Corinthians 15:24; Philippians 4:5; Hebrews 10:25; James 5:8-9; 2 Peter 3:9-11; 1 John 2:18-19)***

Since we do not know the day of either Christ’s return or the day of our death, we should live with sound judgment and live soberly and prayerfully.

- **Make love a major \_\_\_\_\_ in your daily life. (8-9)** Peter uses opening phrases to indicate his emphasis upon Christian behavior. Look at the use of, “To sum up, all of you,” in 3:8 or, “Above all,” in 4:8.

This reminds us of the daily priority that love should be. Love is the most Christlike of qualities and it also smooths away the rough edges of interpersonal relationships. Love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint, ouch!

- **Use your \_\_\_\_\_ to edify and build up others. (10-11a).** Stewardship is related to not only our finances, but also our giftedness. Every believer has been given at least one spiritual gift to be used for the glory of God and the edification of the body of Christ.

**Note: We recognize that our spiritual gift(s) are given by the same Spirit, and God determines how they should be used. They are given by Him and for Him to be exercised in humility and grace.**

- **Do all things for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (1b)** The glory of God is the most significant reality of our human existence. We, as with all creation, exist to bring Him glory!

*Soli Deo gloria* is the motto that grew out of the Protestant Reformation and was used on every composition by Johann Sebastian Bach. He affixed the initials SDG at the bottom of each manuscript to communicate the idea that it is God and God alone who is to receive the glory for the wonders of His work of creation and of redemption.

**Note: We should seek to live our days so that SDG is inscribed upon the close of our day and the close of our life!**

**Questions: How does your vertical relationship with God affect your daily life choices?**

**How does the perspective of eternity affect your temporal view of life?**

**Remember, as a child of God, your present situation is not your final destination!**

### Choir Testimonial

August 19-20 will be the BBC Worship Choir’s annual Christmas Kickoff! This is a great opportunity for new choir members to come fellowship and worship. Today we will hear a testimonial from Marlon McPherson about how he has used his talents and gifts to worship the Lord. Please see Grant if you are interested in singing or playing your instrument.



## Adults

### Sunday:

Sunday School | 9:15am

Services | 8:00am | 10:30am | 6:00pm

Discipleship Training | 5:00pm

### Tuesday:

Ladies' Bible Study in Youth Room | 9:00am

### Wednesday:

Men's Study at Southern Grace | 6:30am

Morning Bible Study | 10:30am

Missions Celebration | 6:00pm

### Thursday:

Men's Study at Shoney's | 7:00am

## Students

### Sunday:

Sunday School | 9:15am

Bible Drill | 6-7pm

### Monday:

College | 6:00pm

### Wednesday:

Youth | 6:00pm

## Children

### Sunday:

Sunday School | 9:15am

Children's Church | 10:30am

Ken Hazelrigg and Emily Fronck

Children's Choir | 5pm

Bible Buddies | 6pm

Bible Drill | 5-7pm

### Wednesday:

Meal | 5:30pm

Awana | 6:00pm

## Nursery

### Sunday:

Sunday School | 9:15am

Morning Service | 10:30am

Lana Samples, Mitzi Stinson, Angelec Brewer,

Ellie Housley, Angela Whitehead

Evening Workshop and Service | 5:00pm

Ashlyn Macy and Kelsey Watson

## Weekly Reports

Tithes/Offerings: \$29,670

Sunday School: Combined

## Today's Services

### AM

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Welcome and Prayer

*Holy Lord – Choir Special*

*Just As I Am/ I Come Broken*

*Hallelujah! What a Savior*

(Children dismissed to Children's Church)

Sermon – Pastor Tony Collins

*In Times Like These*

Choir Testimonial – Marlon McPherson

Benediction

### PM

*Before the Throne of God Above*

Welcome and Prayer

Panel Discussion – “Older Men  
Discipling Younger Men”

Benediction



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## Announcements

**Pastors' Welcome Table:** If you are new to BBC, please join the pastors for a time of fellowship immediately after the 10:30 service **today**.

**Deacons' meeting today** at 4:00pm.

**Missions Celebration** this Wednesday with the PNG mission team. Bring finger food to share.

**Reminder:** If you are going on the Charleston trip, the final payment is due tomorrow, **August 15**.

**Women's Retreat September 9-11** at Tuckaleechee Retreat Center n Townsend. Come join us for a time of fellowship and worship. We will have four guest speakers teaching us through Romans 8. Cost is \$125 and includes lodging, meals, and activities. Deadline to sign up and pay is August 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Kayla Whitehead at (865)257-5806.

**Bring extra** fruit and vegetables from your garden for the **Blessing Table** located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

## MISSION

To bring glory to God by exalting Christ in worship, equipping Christians for ministry, and evangelizing our neighborhood & the nations.

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