

The Manifold Grace of God

1 Peter 4:1-11

“Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus, and Asia...and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes.” Acts 2:9-10

“To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia...” 1Peter 1:1

Outline of 1 Peter 4:1-11

1. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the foundation to all life (3:18, 4:6)
2. A gospel saturated, Jesus obsessed person perseveres through trials (4:1)
3. A gospel saturated, Jesus obsessed person turns from evil (4:2-5)
4. A gospel saturated, Jesus obsessed person is a good steward of the manifold grace of God (4:7-11)

1. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the foundation to all of life

- A. “For Christ...” Isaiah 42
- B. “died for sins once for all...” Heb. 9:24
- C. “the just for the unjust...” Romans 3:22-24
- D. “so that He might bring us to God...” Revelation 4
- E. “having been put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.” 1 Cor.15:42-45

2. A gospel saturated, Jesus obsessed person perseveres through trials

- “arm yourselves...” Be ready to do battle!
- “ceased from sin”- A person who is willing to suffer for the cause of Christ is a person who is no longer under the penalty of his own sins.

3. A gospel saturated, Jesus obsessed person turns from evil

- Bride and groom- both willingly and sacrificially live for the other
- “forsaking all others” = the former lives of believers (v.3)
- Contrasting old lives and old nature with new life in Christ
- “surprised that you do not run with them”- They will notice you are different.

4. A gospel saturated, Jesus obsessed person is a good steward of the manifold grace of God

- **V.7- Be of sound judgment**
- **V.8- Above all- love**
- **V.9- Be hospitable**
- **V.10- Employ your gift**
- **V.11- Speaking gifts and serving gifts for God's glory alone**

