April 24, 2005 Sermon Notes

The End of All Things 1 Peter 4:7-11

- I. THE-END-OF-ALL-THINGS-LIVING DEMANDS A MIND THAT HAS A TRUTH-GRIP ON REALITY ("sound judgment").
 - What is the best brain food?
 - How can the thinking of a Christian become partly cloudy to cloudy?
- II. THE-END-OF-ALL-THINGS-LIVING REFUSES TO BE INTOXICATED WITH THE CARES OF THIS WORLD ("sober spirit").
 - What kind of mind does the Christian need?
 - What kind of world do we live in?

III. THE-END-OF-ALL-THINGS-LIVING DEMANDS A GOD-SEEKING, LIFE-DOMINATING PRAYER LIFE ("for the purpose of prayer").

• What will make our prayer life more effective?

- IV. THE-END-OF-ALL-THINGS-LIVING REQUIRES SELF-DENYING, CROSS-BEARING, LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER (v. 8).
 - What would love look like if it walked in the door?
- V. THE-END-OF-ALL-THINGS-LIVING OFFERS ONE'S LIFE, POSSESSIONS, AND TIME FOR MINISTRY TO OTHERS (v. 9).
 - What can spoil the ministry of hospitality?
- VI. THE-END-OF-ALL-THINGS-LIVING USES GOD GIVEN ABILITIES TO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST (vv. 10-11).

G iven for service

I nterdependent

F ailure to develop hurts the body

T reat with respect and esteem

S overeignly bestowed

Conclusion

All of our energies should be poured into the exaltation of Jesus Christ.