

Week Six Assignment: 1 Peter 4:1-11

1. **Read 1 Pet. 4:1-6.** Peter writes that we have one broad goal as Christians, namely, to live “for the will of God” (1 Pet, 4:2). Throughout his letter, Peter exhorts believers to be done with their human passions, sins, and their former way of life, and to now fully embrace their new way of life in Christ. Now read through the letter from the beginning. As you re-read the letter, make a list of the significant characteristics of what it means to live “for the will of God.” Now think about your own life and experiences. In what ways have you ceased from sin and embraced the will of God? In what ways do you still struggle?

2. **Read 1 Pet. 4:7-11.** Peter returns to his theme of the sense of urgency about Christ’s return. Even though no one knows the day or hour of His coming (Matt. 24: 36, 42, 50), nevertheless we should always be prepared (Matt. 24:42-25:13). When Jesus does come again, it will be in a manner that is visible to all (Matt. 24:26-27, 30-31) and it will bring an end to the history of fallen humanity (Matt. 24:37-40; 25:31-46). We certainly may pursue individual goals in our life, but what basic virtues does Peter suggest are most important (vv. 7-11) to our Christian way of life in light of the reality of Christ coming again with no prior warning?