

Sermon Title: Hopefull: Of Gifts and Giving

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:7-11 Date: May 4th, 2025

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- 1. Verses 7-11 are part of the larger section of 1 Peter 4:1-11. Let's read the full section together. How does this give us an eternal perspective?
- 2. What considerations does Peter ask Christians to make in light of eternity?
- 3. "Love one another earnestly" (1 Peter 4:8) is a continual refrain of the New Testament (Mark 12:30–33; John 13:34–35; 15:12–17; 1 Corinthians 13:1–13; Galatians 5:13–14, 22; Colossians 3:14; James 2:8; 1 John). In fact, whole epistles (especially Philippians and James) are written to address this. Why are unity and practical care for others not an optional extra but a central part of our faith?
- 4. Peter quotes Proverbs 10:12, which is also quoted in James 5:20. Let's take a moment to reach each passage. Why do you think Peter and James reference this verse?
- 5. Why is the call to forgiveness and unity necessary within a local church? How is it even more important during periods of persecution, suffering, and hardship that the churches in Asia Minor were experiencing?
- 6. If you have not had the opportunity to complete the DISC assessment and spiritual gifts test, let's take a moment to do so before continuing. Once completed, please share your 1st and 2nd letter on the DISC assessment and Top 3 Spiritual Gifts.
- 7. The DISC Assessment provides insight into our wiring. The Spiritual Gifts Test provides insight into our gifting. What have you learned about yourself based on these two assessments?
- 8. 1 Peter 4:10 says, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another." How do you use how God has gifted you to serve others?
- 9. "That in everything God may be glorified" (1 Peter 4:11). How is God glorified as we serve others through the gifts He has given us?
- 10. 1 Peter 4:11 ends with a common doxology in the New Testament. "To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." Let's take time to pray together, for the needs we have, and that God would be glorified through us.