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PART THREE

“THE REST OF YOUR TIME “

1 PETER 4 VS 8-11

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SO FAR PETER HAS REVEALED THE FIRST THREE ATTITUDES THAT A CHRISTIAN CAN CULTIVATE IN HIS LIFE TIME IF HE DESIRES TO MAKE HIS LIFE ALL THAT GOD WANTS IT TO BE:

- I. **A MILITANT ATTITUDE TOWARD SIN**
- II. **A PATIENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE LOST**
- III. AN **EXPECTANT ATTITUDE TOWARDS CHRIST**

IN VERSE 8 WE WILL FIND THE FOURTH AND FINAL ATTITUDE THAT PETER GIVES US

IV. **A FERVENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE SAINTS** IF WE REALLY LOOK FOR THE CHRIST'S RETURN THEN WE SHOULD THINK OF OTHERS AND PROPERLY RELATE TO THEM. LOVE FOR THE SAINTS IS MORE IMPORTANT ABOVE AND BEFORE ALL THINGS. LOVE IS THE BADGE OF THE BELIEVER IN THIS WORLD.

JOHN 13 VS 34-35 A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, THAT YOU ALSO LOVE ONE ANOTHER(35) BY THIS I WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES.

NOTE: WE MUST REMEMBER THE THEME OF SUFFERING IN THIS BOOK. IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER IN TIMES OF TESTING AND PERSECUTION. CHRISTIAN NEED TO LOVE AND BE UNITED IN HEART.

INGREDIENTS OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

1. FERVENT -THIS WORD PICTURES AN ATHLETE STRAINING TO THE GOAL. IT SPEAKS OF EAGERNESS AND INTENSITY. CHRISTIAN LOVE IS SOMETHING WE HAVE TO WORK AT JUST THE WAY AN ATHLETE WORKS ON HIS SKILLS. IT IS NOT A MATTER OF EMOTIONAL FEELINGS BUT RATHER A DEDICATED WILL. CHRISTIAN LOVE MEANS THAT WE TREAT OTHERS THE WAY GOD TREATS US, OBEYING HIS COMMANDS IN THE WORD. IT IS EVEN POSSIBLE TO LOVE PEOPLE WE DO NOT LIKE.

2. FORGIVING – PETER QUOTED FROM **PROVERBS 10 VS 12** ... HATRED STIRRETH UP STRIFES; BUT LOVE COVERETH ALL SINS. **1 COR 13 VS 4 – 8** READ. WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN THOUGH CHRISTIAN LOVE IS FORGIVING IT DOES NOT:

A. **CONDONE SIN** – FOR IF WE LOVE SOMEBODY WE WILL BE GRIEVED TO SEE HIM SIN AND HURT HIMSELF AND OTHERS RATHER LOVE:

B. **COVERS SIN** – LOVE MOTIVATES US TO HIDE THE SIN FROM OTHERS AND NOT SPREAD IT ABROAD. WHERE THERE IS HATRED, THERE IS MALICE AND MALICE CAUSES A PERSON TO WANT TO TEAR DOWN THE REPUTATION OF HIS ENEMY, WHICH LEADS TO:

GOSSIP AND SLANDER – (**PROVERBS 11 VS 13, 17 VS 9, 1 PETER 2 VS 1**) SOMETIME WE TRY TO MAKE OUR GOSSIP SOUND SPIRITUAL BY TELLING PEOPLE THINGS SO THEY MIGHT PRAY MORE INTELLIGENTLY.

NOTE: NO ONE CAN HIDE THEIR SIN FROM GOD, BUT BELIEVERS OUGHT TO TRY, IN LOVE, TO COVER EACH OTHERS SIN AT LEAST FROM THE EYES OF THE UNSAVED. THINK ABOUT IT, IF THE UNSAVED CROWD FINDS A MMUNITION FOR PERSECUTING US FOR OUR WORDS AND WORKS (**1 PETER 2 VS 19-20; 3 VS 14**) WHAT WOULD THEY DO IF THEY KNEW THE BAD THINGS CHRISTIANS SAY AND DO!

EXAMPLE: GEN 9 VS 18-27 HAM SAW, WENT AND TOLD OTHERS / SHEM AND JAPHETH SAW, AND COVERED NOAH

3. PRACTICAL – WE SHOULD NOT ONLY SAY THAT WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER BUT IT SHOULD BE PRACTICED BY EACH ONE WHO BELIEVES: WE MAKE OUR LOVE PRACTICAL WHEN WE SHARE OUR POSSESSIONS WITH OTHERS SUCH AS :

A. **THINGS**- IT WAS IMPORATANT TO SHARE HOMES IN TH ENEW TESTAMENT TIMES BECAUSE THER WERE NOT MANY INNS AND THE POOR COULD NOT AFFORD TO STAY THERE ANYWAY. PERSECUTED SAINTS WOULD NEED A PLACE TO STAY WHERE THEY COULD BE ASSISTED AND ENCOURAGED.

B. **GIFTS** - MINISTERING GIFTS, TO HELP OTHERS

HOSPITALITY AND THE SCRIPTURES

EX 22 VS 21, DUET 14 VS 28-29

MOSES INCLUDED IN THE LAW

ACT 28 VS 7, PHILEM 22

JESUS AND THE APOSTLES

I TIM 3 VS 2, TITUS 1 VS 8

LEADERS ARE TO BE GIVEN TO HOSPITALITY

4. RESULT IN SERVICE – EACH CHRISTIAN HAS AT LEAST ONE SPIRITUAL GIFT THAT HE OR SHE MUST USE TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND TO BUILD THE CHURCH (ROM 12 VS 1-13; 1 COR 12; EPH 4 VS 1-16) WE ARE STEWARDS, GOD HAS ENTRUSTED THESE GIFTS TO US THAT WE MIGHT USE THEM FOR THE GOOD OF HIS CHURCH SO WITH YOUR GIFT YOU MUST :

A. **SERVE EACH OTHER**

B. **SERVE WITH YOUR GIFT**

C. **SERVE WITH THE GRACE THAT GOD SUPPLIES**

D. **SERVE THAT GOD MAY GET THE GLORY**