

1 Peter 4:7-19 Living with Expectation

8/9/09 - The Exchange

- A. Reasons for disappointment and confusion in life. (Also comedy.)
  - 1. Things don't live up to our expectations.
    - a) Church van and ECU
    - b) TV and repair process
  - 2. We have the wrong expectations.
    - a) Cinderella Castle at Disneyland
    - b) Movies
- B. When it comes to the things of God, sometimes people don't live up, sometimes we have the wrong expectations.

II. 4:7-11

- A. 4:7 7-9 Expecting Jesus to come back right now, and living like it.
  - 1. But - getting back on track, 3:8-12.
  - 2. end - conclusion, consummation, "The End" of a movie, fulfilled
  - 3. all things - everything.
  - 4. at hand - near by, brought near
  - 5. serious - right mind, sober minded, self-control.
  - 6. watchful - don't be drunk, be sober and aware.
  - 7. prayers - prayers.
  - 8. 1 Thess. 5:1-11**
- B. 4:8
  - 1. above - before, preposition "pro"
  - 2. have - possess, hold on to
  - 3. fervent - stretched out, 1:22. Me winning 200m.
  - 4. love - agape
  - 5. cover - cover over, hide, wrap up
  - 6. sins - noun.
  - 7. We can have a problem loving, but also letting other love us, letting them in.
- C. 4:9
  - 1. hospitality - literally "lover of strangers" phileo-xenos
  - 2. grumbling - murmuring, grudging. goggusmos. Onomatopoeia. Fred Flintstone.
- D. 4:10 10-11 Expecting God to work through and among us.
  - 1. received - to take something given to you
  - 2. gift - charisma, a gracious gift, used of spiritual gifts.
  - 3. minister - server, diakoneo. serve the gift you have received to one another.
  - 4. stewards - a house manager. Stuff isn't yours, but you are in responsible for it.
  - 5. manifold - various, diverse
  - 6. grace - charis, getting what you don't deserve.
  - 7. An interconnected body. **Rom. 12, 1 Cor. 12.**
- E. 4:11 An expansion on verse 10. Examples of gifts.
  - 1. speaks - utters intelligible sounds
  - 2. oracles - not so much the very words of God, but the things of God. Teachings, commands, instructions. Contrast to the

speaker's subjectivity. Speaking God's oracles, not your own.

**James 3:1.**

3. ability - strength, means.
4. supplies - choreographer, one who funded and led the chorus.
5. This is God's show, done through Jesus, and they get the kudos. "All the world's a stage" story.

III. 4:12-19 12-18 Expecting trials to strengthen our faith, and suffering because of Jesus. 12-13 are the gist, 14-19 are the practicalities.

A. 4:12

1. fiery - burning trial. May be literal, may be figurative. Refining.
2. strange - foreign, unexpected
3. Some suffering is just life. Suffering because you are living for Jesus and Jesus is living in you is normal. If there is no tension in your life because of Jesus, then something is amiss.
4. Suffering and blessing are not mutually exclusive as some say.

B. 4:13

1. rejoice to the extent - Not glad that, glad why. Command.
2. revealed - apocalypse. 4:7 context
3. glad with exceeding joy - the result of the revelation

C. 4:14 A badge of honor, a matter of perspective. **Acts 4:23-31, 5:41-42.**

D. 4:15

1. suffer as a murderer, thief, evildoer - why? In case someone took it upon themselves to get back at what had been done to them as persecution. As believers who do these things. A new sensibility.
2. busybody - the overseer of another. Michael Scott. Why this too? Separated by an **as** indicates different class of thing, yet still something someone can do but shouldn't and will suffer for.

E. 4:16 ashamed - shame in things in 15, not in being a Christian.

F. 4:17

1. time - season, opportune time
2. judgment
  - a) pronouncement of sentence, verdict. Not the discernment, determination, sorting out. That is done, here is the result.
  - b) If this is the case it should motivate us toward right behavior and away from stuff in 15.
3. Addresses possible sense of entitlement.
4. Grace; obstacle and draw.

G. 4:19 Expecting God to be faithful with what we commit to Him.

1. will of God - 4:2, will that produces pleasure and with means to execute said will
2. commit - command. entrust, deliver, give over.

IV. Recap points. GOSPEL!