

**Serving While We Wait!**  
Christianity: Learning to Live  
1 Peter 4:7-11; 5:1-11  
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*And above all things have fervent love for one another,  
for "love will cover a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8*

Why is humble service in the local church (the body) so important?

- Because all things will **end** - (4:7-11)
  - **Think** soberly (Heb 1:8-10)
  - Love fervently. (1 Pe 1:22; 1 Jn 3:16; James 2 :15)
  - Serve lovingly
  - **Speak** graciously – (Eph 4:15; Col 4:6)
  - **Do all** spiritually
- Because all things **need order** – (5:1-7)
  - Leaders lead willingly
  - Leaders lead **patiently**
  - Leaders lead personally
  - Leaders lead **humbly**
- Because all believers will be **tested**. (5:8-11)
  - **Ill-informed** Christians are easy prey
  - **Isolated** Christians are easy prey
  - **Immature** Christians are easy prey
  - Growing Christians rely on God's **Grace** (2 Ti 2:1; 1 Co 15:58)

What does this passage say to a Christian?

What does this passage say to a person yet to believe?