



**LOVE  
DOES**

**Love Well  
on the Way Home**

1 Peter 3 & 4

- **We reduce love to feelings and having our needs met**
- **Scripture assumes feelings as expressions of love but not as definers of love (Romans 5:8)**
- **God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us**
- **Love's best definition is based on what love does**

## **1 Peter 3:8-9**

**8 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; 9 not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.**

- **The Gospel is at work in us constantly remaking us internally**
- **Philadelphio- brotherly love- without it we are absolute hypocrites**
- **1:22- we want to do loving things from a pure heart/pure motives- real love in our hearts!**
- **Peter sums up what it means to be a person who's living hope is in Jesus**
- **Love each other with a pure love**
- **Is this the summary of your walk with Jesus?**

**1 Peter 4:8**

**8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another,  
because love covers a multitude of sins.**

- **Keep fervent= being physically stretched; to overextend to reach something**
- **The love our suffering Savior has for us is too big for a little love from me**
- **What fuels this kind of love?**
  - **Look back at the suffering love of Jesus**
  - **Look ahead to the return of Jesus**



## **1 Peter 4:1-2**

**1 Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.**

- **The suffering love of Jesus changes our relationships with others and with time**
- **We didn't use to think about time; now we have BC Time and Remaining Time**
- **We wasted so much time before Christ; what will we do with the time we have left?**



## **1 Peter 4:3**

**3 For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.**

- **We begin to live like we are going to live a brief life here an eternal life somewhere else and it invites mockery from the world**
- **We can respond with fight or flight- neither shows how amazing the cross is**
- **We have to stretch out our love to those who would mock us and tear us down**
- **It puts God on display for the glory he deserves (v. 11)**

## **1 Peter 4:7-8**

**7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.**

**8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.**

- **Looking ahead- Jesus could come back at any time- don't numb yourself with sin like the everyone else does**
- **These are all examples of false love- imitation love**
- **We look back at the Suffering Savior and ahead to the Returning Savior**

- **In between, we have the holy calling of making an invisible Christ visible through how we love others**
- **God loved, so he sent Jesus- and we are the revealers of that love as we love others**
- **What does this love look like?**

## **1 Peter 4:8-11**

**8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint. 10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

- **Covers a multitude of sins- how?**
  - **Where this kind of love abounds, forgiveness is easily accessed and given**
- **Ungrudging hospitality**
  - **What did your Suffering Savior give you without grumbling?**
- **Stretching out to serve others**
  - **A steward who has been loaned things in order to use them to bless another**



- **Speaking the words of God**

- **Are you soaked in the words of God so you can love like this?**

- **How we love during our brief stay here reveals what we truly believe vs. what we say we believe**
- **If we can ever be radically changed by the Gospel so we love like this, maybe the watching world will finally see that God really did come to us in Jesus**

- **What does this love look like?**

- **Every boring, plain day**
- **Push through awkwardness**
- **See and be seen**
- **Celebrate and mourn**

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- **Confront and be a faithful companion**
- **Be ready to love**