

# 1 Peter Class Schedule

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# Outline\*

## A. Suffering for Righteousness 3:13-4:6

1. The Benefits of Suffering 3:13-17

2. The Perfect Example of Undeserved Suffering 3:18-22

3. The Proper Attitude in Suffering 4:1-6

## B. The Believer's Suffering with Christ 4:7-11

1. Living in the Light of the Shortness of Life

a. The Basic Statement of Fact v7a

b. How to Live in Light of the Lord's Return v7b-11

2. Three Areas of Emphasis in Regard to Suffering

\* adapted from McCalley

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

<sup>8</sup> Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

<sup>9</sup> Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

<sup>10</sup> As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

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now (in contrast) the end of all things has drawn near

Interlinear

the verb “has drawn near” is in the perfect tense

“the end of all things” was near in the past and continues to be near up into the present and on into the future – denotes a state of permanence

- “the end of all things” can happen at any moment
- but of all things the end has come near Wuest

What does “the end of all things” mean?

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### What it does not mean:

- the cosmos is not going to end (cease to exist)
- God's plan is for a new heaven and new earth

2 Peter

3:13

### What is Peter focusing on:

**end** - telos - an end, termination, of time or purpose  
lit: end goal or end design

- Peter is talking about God's game plan\*
- Peter is saying the goal is right there in sight\*
- This is a statement about the imminent return of Christ

\* Merryman

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**The return of Christ can happen at any moment!**

James 5:8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

1 Thess 1:9 --- to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

Phil 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.

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**therefore - based on the impending return of Christ !!**

**be of sound judgment** – sōphroneō - to use sound judgment and moderation, to be self-disciplined Vine

- this verb is in the imperative mood
- McCalley calls it a “balanced mind”
- Rom 12:3b --- I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.
- Titus 2:6-7a The young men likewise be exhorting to be exercising self-control; concerning all things ---

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**sober** – napho - means to be sober as over against being drunk and further carries the idea of a cool, calm, collected mind. McCalley

2 Tim 4:5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**Now we will see why we are to be sober, cool, calm and collected!**



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in your prayers

Interlinear

prayer - *proseuchē* – prayer to God

with a view to prayer(s)

Wuest

•The Greek word Peter used for prayer (lit. prayers) is the general word for prayer and indicates that Peter had all kinds of praying in mind.

Constable

•The Lord's desire from this verse is that we would be at rest when we pray trusting Him with the results

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because love covers a multitude of sins.

**above all** – lit: before all things in order of importance

above all (*pro panton*) means before all—before in the sense of preeminence and importance. McCalley

**keep fervent in your love for one another**

**fervent** - *ektenēs* - stretched out, continual, intense;

- This word is used to describe a horse at full gallop and a runner straining for the tape at the finish line of a race.

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verses about fervent love:

1 Peter 1:22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,

Luke 22:44 And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

- remember “love” is a fruit of the spirit
- as we walk by the Spirit this love can be manifested
- our part is to exercise faith

for one another – among yourselves

Interlinear

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**because** – what follows will show the motivation for this fervent love

**love covers a multitude of sins**

This tells us about the importance of our love for one another (our brother or sister in Christ).

**covers** - kalyptō - to envelop, wrap around as bark, skin, shell or plaster, to cover over

James 5:20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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## How does love cover a multitude of sins?

- Love is patient,
- love is kind and is not jealous;
- love does not brag and is not arrogant,
- (love) does not act unbecomingly;
- it (love) does not seek its own,
- (love) is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,
- (love) does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;
- (love) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- Love never fails.

1Cor 13:4-8

<sup>9</sup> Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

What do you think of when we speak of “hospitality.”

**hospitable** - philoxenos - hospitable, loving strangers,  
from *phílos* – brotherly love

see 1Tim 3:2, Heb 13:2

**complaint** - gongysmos - "a murmuring, muttering"; of displeasure or complaining (more privately than in public),  
example: said of Grecian Jewish converts against Hebrews  
Acts 6:1

see Phil 2:14

“In other words, don’t extend hospitality and whisper gripes about it when company can’t hear!”      McCalley