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1. Be willing to suffer for Christ.

1 Peter 4:1 *Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;*

2. Be willing to separate from sin.

1 Peter 4:2-5 *That he no longer should live the rest of [his] time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. ³ For the time past of [our] life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: ⁴Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with [them] to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of [you]: ⁵ Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.*

3. Be willing to sojourn in the Spirit's Power.

1 Peter 4:6 *For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.*

Since Christ's Return is Near, Therefore:

1 Peter 4:7-10

1. Be Alert and in Prayer.

1 Peter 4:7 *But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.*

2. Be Earnestly Loving.

1 Peter 4:8 *And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.*

3. Be Hospitable without Grumbling.

1 Peter 4:9 *Use hospitality one to another without grudging.*

4. Be Faithful Stewards of the Spirit's Power.

1 Peter 4:10 *As every man hath received the gift, [even so] minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

Ultimately the reason God does not take the believers out of this world, is so God may be glorified by Christ's power in our earthly sojourn.

1 Peter 4:11 *If any man speak, [let him speak] as the oracles of God; if any man minister, [let him do it] as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

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