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## Embracing Christ-centered Living with End-time Thinking

**1. The end of all things is at hand:** so think & live accordingly  
(see additional notes in the lower right-hand corner)

**2. Be self-controlled & sober-minded:** for the sake of your prayers

**3. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly:**  
since love covers a multitude of sins

**4. Show hospitality to one another:** without grumbling

**5. Each of us has received a gift:**

● use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace

● for speaking God’s words & serving in the strength He supplies

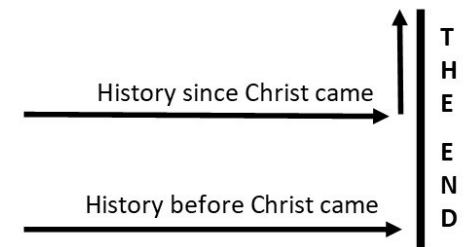
**6. May God be glorified in everything through Jesus Christ:**

● to Him belong glory & dominion forever & ever. Amen.

### Excursus: Gleaning insights from 1 John 2:18 (for 1 Peter 4:7)

“Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.” (ESV)

“The most helpful image to explain this view of history comes from J. H. Newman, a nineteenth-century pastor. History has changed its direction, says Newman. It runs ‘not towards the end, but along it, and on the brink of it; and is at all times near the great event, which did it run towards it, it would at once run into. Christ then is ever at our doors.’ Since the coming of Jesus, history has a new urgency, a sense that its end is at hand and the powers of the future are impinging upon it ... Thus at any moment history could lapse over the line and bring about the end. And history’s proximity to the line (The End) will be signaled by the devastating events described here and elsewhere in the New Testament.”



Source: LETTERS OF JOHN, by Gary M. Burge (NIVAC): Adapted from J.H. Newman, I. Howard Marshall & Gary M. Burge.

(by Gary M. Burge, LETTERS OF JOHN, pp.126-27)