Living Near the end - 1 Peter 4: 7-11

1. **Christian belief concerning the end**:
	1. Jewish understanding
	2. The disciples’ questions
	3. Apostolic preaching
	4. The biblical teaching [ 2 Peter 3]
		1. It is near
		2. It is in God’s time
		3. It is certain
		4. It is delayed
		5. It is crucial
2. **Christian behaviour considering the end**
	1. **Keep a cool head** [4:7]
		1. Don’t panic
		2. Do pray
	2. **Keep a steady balance** [1 Peter 4:7; 2 Peter 3: 8-10]
		1. Avoid the lethargy of unbelief
		2. Avoid the extremes of unbalance
	3. **Keep a warm heart** [1 Peter 4:8]
		1. Love – the supreme Christian virtue
		2. Love – the stretching Christian experience
		3. Love – the sheltering Christian response
	4. **Keep an open house** [v. 9]
		1. Houses – the centre of worship
		2. Houses – the aids to mission
		3. Houses – the refuge for the needy
	5. **Keep a faithful attitude** [v. 10]
		1. God’s grace has been distributed to all
		2. God’s grace varies from person to person
		3. God’s grace is given for the benefit of others
		4. God’s grace is given as a trust
	6. **Keep a pure message** [v. 11]
		1. The priviledge of hearing God’s word
		2. The pleasure of doing God’s word
		3. The pressure of sharing God’s word
	7. **Keep a powerful witness** [v. 11b]
		1. The witness of being a servant of God
		2. The witness of showing the strength of God
		3. The witness of praising the Son of God