LIVING ON THE EDGE
1 PETER 4:7-11 / 11-6-19 / WED

I. WHAT DID PETER MEAN BY THE END IS NEAR?

A. He obviously is referring to Jesus’ Second Coming in verse 7a.
   1. Since Jesus hasn’t returned yet, was Peter mistaken?
   2. It’s doubtful, however, since Peter heard Jesus answer their question about when the Kingdom of God and the end of times will occur in Acts 1:6-7.

B. Jesus offers some clues about when the end will occur in Luke 21.
   2. In 21:9 Jesus said there would be wars but even then, the end is not near—21:9a.
   3. In 21:12 Jesus said Christians would suffer persecution, but which Christians was he referring to and in what century—21:12.
   4. In 21:24 Jesus said the end will not come until the time of the Gentiles is over, but this is an indeterminate amount of time.
   6. In 21:32 Jesus said this generation would see these things fulfilled, but which generation was he referring to?

II. HOW DID PETER SAY CHRISTIANS SHOULD LIVE UNTIL THE END?

A. First, we must pray—4:7b.

B. Second, we must love each other despite our differences and failures—4:8.

C. Third, we must stay together in fellowship—4:9.

D. Fourth, we must use our spiritual gifts to praise and glorify God—4:10-11.