

1 Peter 5

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5 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: (Peter walked with Jesus. He learned directly from God Himself. He saw Jesus crucified and resurrected)

² Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; (Teach the Word of God – not for money, but for the love of God)

³ Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. (Not as "lieutenants", "overlords" or "reverends", but as servants of God, doing His work. That's the example we need to set)

⁴ And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. (Jesus told Peter – Feed my sheep; teach people the Word of God <Spiritual food for the soul>. Jesus is our Shepherd; we are the flock)

⁵ Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. (Young people – learn from the elders – only if they are living by the Word of God. They have life experience as it relates to God's Word)

(Satan's downfall in the First Age was caused by his pride. He wanted to replace God as our messiah)

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: (God abases the proud and He raises the humble) Psalm 138:6; Proverbs 3:34; Proverbs 29:23; Matthew 23:12

⁷ Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. (care = your worries or anxieties; careth = loves you and cares for you; These are two different words in the Greek manuscripts. Both were translated as care in English)

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (The devil has power in the world. Don't let your guard down, or he will take advantage of you. He hates Christians)

⁹ Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. (We are all afflicted in this world. We don't have it any worse than anyone else)

¹⁰ But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. (perfect = mature, prepared – better translation)

¹¹ To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (Our good Christian example to others glorifies God) (Amen = that's that)

¹² By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand. (Silvanus must have delivered this letter. Peter was imprisoned in Rome, for teaching God's Word)

¹³ The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son. (Marcus=Mark John, the author of the Gospel of Mark; not really Peter's son, but a term of endearment)

¹⁴ Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen. (Christianity gives us peace of mind by the Holy Spirit)