

1 Peter Chapter 5

1. The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:

A. The elders who are among you I exhort,

1. elders- Gr. *presbuteros*- *mature ones*

- a. Elders and bishops are used interchangeably in the NT. Elders are mature ones and bishops are overseers. All bishops should be elders, but not elders are necessarily overseers.

2. among you

- a. A Christian leader must see themselves as among the people he or she serves, not lording over them.

3. exhort- Gr. *parakaleo*- *to encourage, exhort, to call near*

- a. A Christian minister must not force people to do things but exhort them in grace.

B. I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ,

1. fellow elder- Gr. *sumpresbuteros*

- a. Peter was an elder and bishop [overseer].

2. witness- Gr. *martus*

- a. We get the word martyr from this Greek word. Peter would soon be a martyr for the faith as a witness of Christ.

3. sufferings- Gr. *pathema*

- a. Again, these sufferings were persecution, not sickness, poverty, or defeat.

C. and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed

1. partaker- Gr. *koinonos*- *a sharer*

- a. Those who share in the sufferings of Christ will also share in His glory. [Rom 8:17](#)

2. glory- Gr. *doxa*

3. revealed- Gr. *apokalupto*

2. Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;

A. Shepherd the flock of God which is among you,

1. Shepherd- Gr. **poimaino-** *to feed a flock*

a. A pastor's main job is to feed the flock. [Act 20:28](#),
[Joh 21:15-17](#)

b. The main purpose of the church service is to feed and equip the saints, not reach the lost. We are to equip the saints to do the work of ministry outside of the four walls of the church and win souls. These converts then come to church and are fed by the pastor.

2. flock- Gr. **poimnion**

a. Christians are likened to sheep. Sheep are totally helpless. The more you grow as a Christian the more you realize that apart from Christ you can do nothing. [John 15:5](#)

b. A Christian leader is also a sheep and smells like a sheep.

c. A pastor must be prepared to be butted by the goats and bit by the sheep!

d. Notice he says "flock". We were meant to be in community.

3. among you

a. Again, Peter uses this phrase to show leaders need for humility among those who they serve.

B. serving as overseers,

1. serving as overseers- Gr. **episkopeo**

a. This speaks of the position a leader is called to. However, the leader's attitude is to see themselves serving among them.

C. not by compulsion but willingly,

1. compulsion- Gr. **anagastos**

a. Some people feel forced into ministry because of a void of leadership. A void of leadership is not a call to leadership.

b. Some go into the ministry because of pressure from family.

c. Some go into the ministry because they are not successful at anything else.

d. Some go into the ministry because they want to be seen and used of God, so they can feel good about themselves.

2. willingly- Gr. **hekousios-** *voluntarily*

a. God does not want us to give out of compulsion. He does

not want us to serve or minister out of compulsion either.

D. not for dishonest gain but eagerly

1. dishonest gain- Gr. **aischrokerdos**

a. Some are in the ministry to get money from people. Some go into ministry for the right reason but later the motivation turns towards getting money.

2. eagerly- Gr. **prothumos-** *promptly, readily, willingly, heartily, cheerfully*

a. When you have a congregation that is of a ready mind, and a minister that is of a ready mind, then the Lord can do marvelous things in a church! [Acts 17:11](#)

3. nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;

A. nor as being lords over those entrusted to you,

1. lords over- Gr. **katakurieuo-** *to bring under one's power, to subject one's self, to subdue, master, to be domineering*

a. Jesus said that the Gentiles lord it over those under them, but in the kingdom those who will be the greatest will be the one who serves. [Luke 22:25-26](#), [Mat 20:25-28](#)

b. There was a movement called the Shepherdship movement. This movement violated this verse. The pastors ruled over the spiritual and natural lives of their congregants. They could not make any major decision without the pastor's counsel and permission. This is displeasing to the Lord.

c. You need to keep an open hand with those under you. They can come and go at their will. They are the Lord's sheep, not yours! I have a closed fist with two people in it. They both start with the letter J. Jesus and my wife Joann! All others can freely come and go with no threats, intimidation, or manipulation.

2. entrusted- Gr. **kleros-** *those whose care and oversight has been assigned to one [allotted charge], used of Christian churches, the administration of which falls to the lot of presbyters*

a. As a minister you must make sure those who you minister to have been allotted to you. You have grace to minister to those

allotted to you. You don't have grace for those who have not.
b. You only have grace to raise your kids!

B. but being examples to the flock

1. examples- Gr. *tupos*- *a figure formed by a blow or impression*

- a. We should live in such a way that we leave a deep impression on people's minds and hearts.
- b. The greatest form of leadership is servant leadership. This is leading by example. Jesus was the ultimate servant leader. He led by example.
- c. Often more is caught than is taught.
- d. Paul told the Ephesian elders in Miletus that he first showed them and then taught them when he was with them. [Acts 20:20](#)

2. flock- Gr. *poimnion*

- a. Notice the church is called a flock. We are not meant to live and operate alone. Sheep like to move in a flock. They don't fare well if they get separated from the flock. It is the same with Christians. We do better in community rather than alone. Wolves and lions love to prey on isolated sheep! These are those who they can devour easily.

4. and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

A. and when the Chief Shepherd appears,

1. Chief Shepherd- Gr. *archipoimen*

- a. Every pastor must realize that the sheep do not belong to them. They belong to their owner and Chief Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ. [Heb 13:20](#)
- b. All pastors are but under-shepherds under Jesus.
- c. Pastors are under-shepherds that Jesus trusts to help feed His sheep.
- d. [Son 1:7](#) *Tell me, O you whom I love, Where you feed your flock, Where you make it rest at noon. For why should I be as one who veils herself By the flocks of your companions?*

i. Pastors are the companions of Christ to help feed His flocks.

ii. Mature Christians learn where Jesus is feeding and get fed by Him directly.

2. appears- Gr. **phaneroo**

a. The Chief Shepherd will appear one day but that does not mean He is not watching right now! We will give an account of our ministry when He returns.

B. you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away

1. **receive-** Gr. **kolumbao-** *to carry, bear, bring to, to carry away for one's self, to carry off what is one's own, to bring back*

2. **crown-** Gr. **stephanos-** *a laurel leaf crown*

a. A number of crowns are mentioned in the Word of God- the crown of life, the crown of glory, the crown of righteousness, and an incorruptible crown.

b. Jesus will come back to earth wearing many crowns. Where does He get these crowns? He gets them from us after the Judgment Seat of Christ and are rewarded! We will cast our crowns at His feet like the elders are seen doing in heaven.

3. **glory-** Gr. **doxa**

4. **fade away-** Gr. **amarantinos-** *composed of amaranth, a flower so called because it never withers or fades, and when plucked off revives if moistened with water, this is a symbol of immortality.*

5. Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

A. Likewise you younger people,

1. **younger-** Gr. **neoteros**

a. This is chronologically and spiritually.

B. submit yourselves to your elders

1. **submit-** Gr. **hupotasso-** *to arrange under*

2. **yourselves**

a. Submission is always an inside job. If someone forces

someone to do something it is no longer biblical submission, it is slavery.

b. Biblical submission is what you voluntarily do by recognizing God given authority and arranging yourself under it.

3. **elders-** Gr. **presbuteros-** *mature ones*

a. This is older in age and spiritual maturity.

C. Yes,

1. Some will say at this, "Well, I am not a young person, so I don't have to listen or obey this." Peter says, "Yes, and this includes you!"

D. all of you be submissive to one another,

1. **submissive-** Gr. **hupotasso-** *to arrange under*

2. **one another**

a. Paul says the same thing when he says we should consider others better than ourselves. [Phil 2:3](#) The Greek word for "better" there means holding a "higher place or rank". We need to consider ourselves servants of all we come in contact with, even if we are in position of leadership.

E. and be clothed with humility,

1. **clothed-** Gr. **egkomboimai-** *to put on a garment which is to be tied*

a. This is a very specific Greek word. It is only used here in the NT. It means to put on a garment that has to be tied by a knot. A garment that must be tied takes more time and effort to put on than one that doesn't need to be tied.

b. Putting on humility takes effort and careful work. It is not something you just mindlessly slip on and forget about it. If this is not securely tied on you it can quickly slip off! It is so easy to slip into pride!

2. **humility-** Gr. **tapeinophrosune-** *low lying thinking*

a. This is walking in the same mind that was in Christ- a servant mindset.

F. for God resists the proud,

1. **resists-** Gr. **antitassomai-** *to arrange against*

a. If you don't choose to arrange yourself under God given authority you will find yourself arranged against the Lord! This

is NEVER a good idea!

2. **proud**- Gr. **huperephanos**- *showing one's self above others, overtopping, conspicuous above others, pre-eminent, with an overweening estimate of one's means or merits, despising others or even treating them with contempt, haughty*

G. but gives grace to the humble

1. **grace**- Gr. **charis**- *unmerited favor, strength, ability, power*

2. **humble**- Gr. **tapeinos**- *low lying*

6. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

A. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,

1. **humble**- Gr. **tapeinoo**- *to make low*

2. **mighty**- Gr. **krataios**- *to exercise ruling power*

3. **hand**- Gr. **cheir**

a. The "hand of God" is refers to God's miraculous delivering power.

b. Many times when we are under pressure we seek to find our own deliverance. This is pride. If we will let God's hand move for us, then we will experience deliverance. This takes humility.

B. that He may exalt you in due time

1. **exalt**- Gr. **hupsoo**

a. We all encounter depressing situations in life. If we will trust in God, He will exalt us out of them!

b. To the degree you humble yourself [trust God] is the degree you are exalted. [Phil. 2:9](#)

2. **due time**- Gr. **kairos**- *season*

a. Deliverance does not always happen instantly. Sometimes having done all to stand you just need to stand. Your deliverance and exaltation are coming. [Psa 37:34](#)

7. casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

A. casting all your care upon Him,

1. **casting**- Gr. **epirrhupto**- *to throw or cast upon*

a. This is a forceful Greek word. You can translate this today in modern terms by: "body slam" your cares upon the Lord.

b. Why such a forceful word? It is because worries are sticky creatures! When you take your cares to the Lord if you don't forcefully cast them upon the Lord, you will find they follow you out of the throne room and are attached to you again!

2. **care-** Gr. **merimna-** *worry, anxiety*

a. The root word of care is **merizo**, which means *to divide or distract*. All worry is based upon distraction from focusing on God and His promises.

b. Satan is the master of distraction. He does not care what you are distracted with, as long as you are distracted.

c. The greatest temptation every Christian face is distraction from focusing on God and His Word.

d. This is practically how you humble yourself under the mighty hand of God. It is by casting your care upon Him and let Him bring deliverance to you by His power. It takes humility to do this.

e. [Psa 55:22](#), [Phil. 4:6](#)

B. for He cares for you

1. **cares-** Gr. **melo-** *to be interested in, to care about, to be concerned with*

a. Many see God has a great being in the sky that has little concern for them or the minutiae of their lives. This is not true. God is very interested in you and everything about your life from the greatest item to the least.

b. God knows our every need. [Mat 6:26-33](#)

8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

A. Be sober,

1. **sober-** Gr. **nepho-** *to be sober, to be calm and collected in spirit, to be temperate, dispassionate, circumspect*

a. When the roar of the enemy comes we can be calm and collected having faith in God's Word.

B. be vigilant,

1. **vigilant-** Gr. **gregoreuo-** *to be watchful, attentive, vigilant, circumspect*

C. because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion,

1. **adversary-** Gr. **antidikos-** *an opponent in a lawsuit*
2. **devil-** Gr. **diabolos-** *one who causes division by slander*
3. **walks-** Gr. **peripateo**
4. **roaring-** Gr. **oruomai**
 - a. Jesus does not roar at you. He will speak to you in the small still voice.
5. **lion-** Gr. **leon**
 - a. Satan desires to mimic Jesus, the lion of the tribe of Judah. He will bring slander against you and make you think it is from Jesus.
 - b. Many people only see Jesus as a lion. You must first know Him as the lamb that died and took away your sins.

D. seeking whom he may devour

1. **seeking-** Gr. **zeteo**
 - a. It may be disconcerting to know that the enemy is looking around seeking someone to devour, but you must keep in mind that the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the earth seeking whom He might show Himself strong in their behalf! [2 Chron. 16:9](#)
 - b. In the verse above, God is looking for those who have a perfect heart towards him. The Hebrew word for "perfect" is **shalem** which means *at peace*. God is looking for those who are not moved in fear by the roaring but have a peaceful heart of faith in His Word.
2. **devour-** Gr. **katapino**
 - a. He can devour those disconnected from the flock.
 - b. He can devour those who don't know Jesus as the Lamb of God.
 - c. He can devour those who are not grounded in the Word of God.

d. In context, he can devour those who are in pride.

9. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

A. Resist him,

1. resist- Gr. **anthistemi-** *to stand against*

a. In other words we need to call the devil's bluff when he roars at us. He wants us to panic and run. We can calmly stand in faith and in our authority in Christ and resist him.

b. It is important to know what and who to resist. Many resist God and submit to the devil. We are to submit to God and resist the devil. [James 4:7](#) Therefore it is paramount we know what is of God and what is of the devil. If we don't make this distinction we will end up resisting God and submitting to the devil.

c. For instance we need to understand sickness is from the devil and not God. Many have accepted sickness because they thought it was from God. They therefore ended up resisting healing which actually is from God.

B. steadfast in the faith,

1. steadfast- Gr. **stereos-** *strong, firm, immovable, solid, hard, rigid*

2. the faith- Gr. **ho pistis**

a. We can stand confidently in the armor of God- His truth, righteousness, peace, salvation, and faith.

b. When the devil tries to convince us of guilt before God we stand in faith in the shed blood and finished work of Christ in our behalf.

c. Often the devil will try to use people to pressure or intimidate us. We can stand firm trusting God in the midst of persecution and let the Lord deliver us.

d. We get in problems when we try to defend ourself against people. We need the Lord to defend us and deliver us. He can do a much better job of it than we can. We just tend to muddy the water.

C. knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood

in the world.

1. **knowing**- Gr. **eido**- *to know by seeing or perception*

a. What you know will determine how you make it through trials. First, you must know sufferings don't come from God. They originate with the enemy. If you believe God is the source of your suffering you cannot and will not trust Him in the midst of them.

2. **sufferings**- Gr. **pathema**

a. This is not sickness, poverty, and defeat. This is speaking of suffering persecution.

3. **experienced**- Gr. **epiteleo**- *to carry out, bring to completion or fulfillment*

a. This suffering is connected to us carrying out the Great Commission. Until the Great Commission is fully carried out we will also carry out the suffering of persecution that goes with it.

4. **brotherhood**- Gr. **adelphotes**

a. There is the brotherhood in the world and we the brotherhood in heaven. As long as we are in the earth we will experience the suffering of the brotherhood in this world. When we pass over to the other side we will experience the joy and peace of the brotherhood in heaven.

5. **world**- Gr. **kosmos**

a. This is the fallen world in which the devil is the god of this age.

10. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

A. But may the God of all grace,

1. **grace**- Gr. **charis**- *unmerited favor, power, strength, ability*

a. There are different graces. There is saving grace, strengthening grace, and dying grace. Here we see strengthening grace of God mentioned here.

B. who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus,

1. **called**- Gr. **kaleo**
2. **eternal**- Gr. **aionios**
3. **glory**- Gr. **doxa**

C. after you have suffered a while,

1. **suffered**- Gr. **pascho**
2. **a while**- Gr. **oligos**

a. Paul alludes to this in [2 Cor. 4:17](#). There he calls it our "light affliction" which is for a "moment". It might seem like a long time but really it is just a little while, just a moment. This momentary light affliction is working for us a much greater weight of eternal glory!

D. perfect- Gr. **katartizo**- *to mend (what has been broken or rent), to repair, to fit out, equip, put in order, arrange, adjust*

1. When a fiery trial hits our life it shows up flaws in us, things that need repair or things that are out of order and need adjustment.
2. Trials don't perfect you. It is the Word you stand on in faith in the trial that perfects you. [2 Tim. 3:16-17](#)

E. establish- Gr. **sterizo**- *to make stable, place firmly, set fast, fix*

1. The devil brings trials to destroy us, but they actually are helpful in establishing us in our faith.
2. We are not established by trials. We are established by receiving and using grace by faith in the midst of the trial. [Heb 13:9](#), [Col. 2:7](#)

F. strengthen- Gr. **sthenoo**

1. Paul boasted in his weaknesses so that the power of Christ would rest upon him. He learned in the toughest circumstances he could do all things through Christ who strengthened him. [Phil. 4:13](#)

G. settle you

1. **settle**- Gr. **themelioo**- *to lay a foundation*
 - a. The tough times in life are laying a foundation for our future ministry.
 - b. We will be settled by walking in the faith. [Col 1:23](#)

11. To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever.

1. **glory**- Gr. **doxa**
2. **dominion**- Gr. **kratos**- *ruling power*
3. **forever and ever**- Gr. **eis aion aion**- *into ages of ages*

B. **Amen**- Gr. **amen**- *so be it, it is so*

12. By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

A. By Silvanus,

1. **Silvanus**- this is Silas- means *woody*

- a. This is the same Silas that accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey. He later hooked up with Peter to help him.

B. our faithful brother as I consider him,

1. **faithful**- Gr. **pistos**

- a. Silas was faithful to Paul and now faithful to Peter.
- b. Faithful support people are few and far between. They are real treasures.

2. **brother**- Gr. **adelphos**

3. **consider**- Gr. **logizomai**- *to calculate, estimate, reckon, to count*

- a. Peter said in his estimation he was faithful, but the only opinion that really matters in the end is the opinion of Jesus.

C. I have written to you briefly,

1. **written briefly**- Gr. **grapho dia oligos**- *to write through briefly*

- a. Silas was Peter's private secretary writing this letter has Peter dictated to him.

D. exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

1. **exhorting**- Gr. **parakaleo**

- a. Grace exhorts, legalism forces and intimidates.

2. **testifying**- Gr. **epimartureo**

- a. As one of the original disciples of Jesus Peter was a witness

to the true grace of God- Jesus.

3. **true-** Gr. **alethes**

a. If there is a true grace there can be a false grace. Grace without faith is a false grace.

4. **grace-** Gr. **charis**

5. **stand-** Gr. **histemi**

a. We stand by grace and faith.

b. It is important to know what true grace is and not be drawn away from it by a false grace or by legalism.

13. **She who is in Babylon, elect together with *you*, greets you; and *so does* Mark my son.**

A. **She who is in Babylon,**

1. **She-** This probably is a reference to the church in Rome.

2. **Babylon-** means *confusion*

a. This is a symbolic name for Rome.

b. *Some elements of contemporary Judaism had readily transferred prophecies of Babylon's demise in the Old Testament to the new empire of Rome. "Babylon" had thus become a fairly common cryptogram for Rome. - Bible Background Commentary*

c. Church tradition has Peter ministering in Rome and being martyred there.

B. **elect together with you,**

1. **elect together-** Gr. **suneklektos**

C. **greets you,**

1. **greets-** Gr. **aspazomai-** *to embrace*

D. **and so does Mark my son**

1. **Mark-** means *polite*

a. This is the same Mark that deserted Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey and returned to Jerusalem.

2. **son-** Gr. **uihos-** *mature son*

a. The use of this word shows Mark had grown up in the faith

and was mature. He was useable by leadership- namely Paul and Peter.

b. When Mark was young he was unstable and not ready to be used. We should not cast people away when they fail being young. As Mark was later useable so it will be with many others.

c. There are ten thousand instructors in Christ but not many fathers. [1 Cor. 4:15](#) An instructor imparts information, but a father imparts their DNA. Mark received DNA from Peter.

14. Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

A. Greet one another with a kiss of love.

1. **Greet-** Gr. **aspazomai**- *embrace*

2. **kiss-** Gr. **philema**- *a show of fondness*

a. Some of the single men in my singles group had this verse memorized! They would use this as an excuse to kiss the single young ladies.

3. **love-** Gr. **agape**

a. This admonition was later reversed in the church because of abuses. There were some kissing not out of love but out of lust.

B. Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus.

1. **Peace-** Gr. **eirene**

a. Every believer has peace with God through faith in Christ and His finished work. [Rom. 5:1](#)

b. Unbelievers lack peace with God and the peace of God. Believer should walk in both.

C. Amen- Gr. **amen**- *it is so!*