

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, resurrected and ascended into Heaven. He knows for a fact that all of this is reality. Christianity is reality, not just another religion)

²Feed 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)

NOTES: (How many preachers today teach their “sermons” for money? They beg for donations in every service and get rich at the expense of their followers. That is filthy lucre)

(Other religions, like Islam spread through conquest, intimidation and murder. Join us or die is their motto. People who try to leave Islam are murdered as “traitors”. These cults are from Satan himself)

(A true pastor of God doesn't write sermons. He doesn't convert through fear and intimidation. He teaches God's Word – chapter by chapter, verse by verse. Jesus said – whosoever will believe, the same shall be saved) John-3:15-17, Matthew-24:13

³Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. (Serve God; not as “lieutenants”, “overlords” or “reverends”; but as servants, doing His work. That's the example we need to set. Jesus said – the least of you is the greatest in Heaven) see Matthew-18:1-3

⁴And 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) Psalms-23

⁵Likewise, 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 – but only if they are living by the Word of God. They have life experience as it relates to God's Word. They may be if help to the younger ones)

NOTE: (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 – bad translation; careth = loves you and cares for you; These are two different words in the Greek manuscripts. Both were translated as care in English)

(Worrying won't help you one bit. Ask God for help, and then move on. HE knows who you are and what you need)

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)

Luke-12:18-19 (God gave us power over all of our adversaries, including Satan)

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, established – 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. He was not really Peter's son. This is just a term of endearment by Peter for Mark)

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)