
Young Adults

1st Peter 5



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:

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

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

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

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.”

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

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

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

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

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*.

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

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.

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

14 Greet one another with a kiss of love.

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

Observations

Using a highlighter pen highlight the following in the Biblical text (make the highlight large enough to see):

The word **grace** every time it appears in this section of Scripture.

The word **submit, submissive, submitting**, etc., every time it appears in this section of Scripture.

The word **suffer, suffers, suffering & suffered** every time it appears in this section of Scripture.

Study Notes:

1) What are other titles by which the “elders” of vs. 1 are known today?

2) What are the duties of the elders according to Peter? And, how are they to exercise those duties?

3) What is your responsibility to the elders according to Peter?

4) What does it mean to “humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God”?

5) According to Peter how can we stand firm against the Devil?

6) What city or area do you think Peter has in mind when he writes "...She who is in **Babylon**" (vs. 13).

7) Which of the essential doctrines of the Christian faith is supported in this section of Scripture? Identify the doctrine(s) and provide the verse that supports it.

The list of essential* Christian doctrines that emerge from the early creeds and councils includes:

- (1) Human depravity
- (2) Christ's virgin birth
- (3) Christ's sinlessness
- (4) Christ's deity
- (5) Christ's humanity
- (6) God's unity
- (7) God's triunity
- (8) The necessity of God's grace
- (9) The necessity of faith
- (10) Christ's atoning death
- (11) Christ's bodily resurrection
- (12) Christ's bodily ascension
- (13) Christ's present high priestly service
- (14) Christ second coming, final judgment (heaven and hell), and reign.

*These doctrines define the historic evangelical Christian faith. To reject or deny any of these is to move from orthodoxy to heresy. You will find that all of the cults deny one or more of these essential doctrines. However, not all groups considered cults deny the above 14 points. For example, **The Family International** (https://www.thefamilyinternational.org/en/about/our-beliefs/#belief_17) holds to all 14 points—yet is still considered a cult. Do a little research and provide a brief (a sentence or paragraph at the most) as to why The Family International is a cult.