

Simply teaching the Word simply



# 1 Peter

## THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL

OF

## P E T E R .

# Chapter 5

## VS. 14

A verse by verse study...

### CHAPTER I.

PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season (if need be) ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations;

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise, and honour, and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 Whom ye have not seen, in whom, though now ye see him not,

Exhortation to holiness.

12 Unto whom it was that not unto themselves, they did minister to, are now reported unto you that have preached through you with the Holy Ghost from heaven; which thing ye desire to look into.

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and watchful, as they that would love the pure doctrine of Jesus Christ:

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves after former lusts in your conversation; but as he who is holy, so be ye in the manner of conversation:

16 Because it is written, for I am holy.

17 And if ye call yourselves without respect of persons, yet will ye pass the time of your life in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye were not redeemed with silver or gold, or vain conversation of men's devices, but with the precious blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb without blemish:

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was manifest before the foundation of the world, but was manifested in the last times for your sake, that ye should bring forth fruit unto glory, by the obedience of faith:

21 Who by his own blood hath purged to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, who love him that hath called them by his blood, and have kept themselves from idols, serving the living and true God, and waiting for his mercy, which shall be poured out upon us in Jesus Christ our Lord:

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# Chapter 5

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**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:

1 Peter 5:1

- The Elders?
- Although the Gr. word used here '*presbuteros*', is sometimes used of a person being an older person...
- v2. makes it clear that Peter is speaking of 'spiritual Elders', those entrusted with the care of God's people in the local church

- *The idea of the elder came into church life from Jewish culture (Exodus 3:16, 12:21, and 19:7). The word “elder” simply speaks of the maturity and wisdom that an older person should have, making them qualified for leadership. In its application, it is more about wisdom and maturity than a specific age.*

- David Guzik



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1 Peter 5:1

- Peter tells us 2 qualities (qualifiers) of an Elder
  - 1) A witness of the sufferings of Christ
  - 2) A Partaker (participant) of the glory that shall be revealed!
- How can we be a witness of Christ's sufferings?
  - By feeling the same pain and distain for sin that Jesus did!
  - *"If Jesus Christ isn't strong enough to motivate you to live biblically, you don't know Him at all"* – Paul Washer

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- What does it mean to be a partaker of His glory?
  - Are you living now in the grace that will sustain you throughout eternity?
  - Are you a participant in your eternal life whilst still living in your flesh?
  - This is living a born-again, Spirit-filled life.... Now!

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1 Peter 5:1

- (Fellow) “Elders among you...” *sumpresbuteros*;  
cf. Acts 11:30; 20:17
- Peter declares himself a *co-presbyter* with them.

# Critical Vocabulary Lesson

- This is all that Simon Peter ever claimed to be—he calls himself a *fellow elder*, “*sumpresbuteros*”
- He never claimed a superior place above his brethren, but as a fellow elder he exhorts them.
- Note: elders are never spoken of in the singular, there was never to be only one.



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:

1 Peter 5:1

- Peter also comes alongside the fellow Elders and assures them that he is in it with them!
- Peter was qualified to give this exhortation because he was in a unique position...
- In the past Peter physically saw 'the glory'.
  - The transformation through the Spirit
- In his second epistle, Peter identifies this as taking place on the Mount of Transfiguration.

**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;

1 Peter 5:2

- “Feed,” not fleece, the flock of God.
- This command was given by Jesus when Peter was reinstated. **John 21:16**
- Notice the things that are omitted from this list!
- Many things associated with the work of the pastor are actually the responsibility of the whole congregation! **(see 1 Tim 5:16 / James 1:27)**

# Caring for Sheep

- 1) There are many different breeds of sheep and all have a different purpose
- 2) Sheep need to be protected from dogs, wolves and other predators. Sheep are prone to roam so need a safe perimeter
- 3) Sheep need to be fed regularly and need a balanced diet. We recommend paddock rotation if possible
- 4) Sheep need a supply of fresh water daily
- 5) Worming is most important for your sheep. Worms & other parasites can have a catastrophic effect on flock if not controlled.
- 6) Sick sheep need attention urgently. Call the vet immediately.

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;

1 Peter 5:2

- Related to the participle “serving as overseers” *episkopountes*, watching over those for whom they must give an account, **Heb 13:17** is the noun “overseer” (*episkopeo*)
  - **Phil 1:1; 1 Tim 3:1-2; Titus 1:7; 1 Peter 2:25**

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- Filthy lucre – that which is external that corrupts the internal
- The exhortations reflect **Ezekiel 34:1-16**, where false shepherds were contrasted with the True Shepherd.

Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but  
being ensamples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:3

- **John 13**: the example of the washing of the feet...
- (If Peter was ever a Pope, he never knew it!)
- Elders are not to get delusions of grandeur!
- The 'sheep' belong to God! They are His heritage!
- Elders are to be 'living epistles' being read by all men!



And when **the chief Shepherd** shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

1 Peter 5:4

- *Peter calls Him “the chief Shepherd” here.*
- *The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep*  
– *that is seen in Psalm 22.*
- *The Great Shepherd watches over the sheep*  
– *that is seen in Psalm 23.*
- *He is the Chief Shepherd who is coming again in*  
– *Psalm 24.*

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall **receiue** a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

1 Peter 5:4

- Notice the promise of reward for faithful service
- Contrast Jericho (don't seek after 'filthy lucre')...
- With Ai (all was free to take)
- *“A little now and nothing then ... or nothing now and a great reward then?”*
- What awaits us far outweighs anything available now.

# Crowns Promised

- **Crown of Life** Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10  
for those who have suffered for His sake
- **Crown of Righteousness** 2 Tim 4:8  
for those who loved His appearing
- **Crown Incorruptible** 1 Cor 9:25  
for those who press on steadfastly
- **Crown of Rejoicing** 1 Thes 2:19  
for those who win souls
- **Crown of Glory** 1 Pet 5:4  
for those who fed the flock



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