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# 1 Peter

## THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL

OF

## P E T E R .

# Chapter 5

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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

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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 that not unto themselves, they did minister that are now reported unto that have preached the you with the Holy Ghost from heaven; which thine desire to look into.

13 Wherefore gird up your mind, be sober, and be brought unto you of Jesus Christ:

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

16 Because it is holy; for I am holy.

17 And if ye call him Father, without respect of persons, according to the evangel, pass the time of your life in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye were not redeemed with silver or with gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, from your former conversation.

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

20 Who verily before the foundation of the world was manifested for you,

21 Who by his blood purged unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, who obey the word which they have received, that they should bring forth the fruit of good works, which is acceptable unto God.

# Chapter 5

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1 Peter 5:5

- Peter now says that in like manner...
- ‘In just the same way..’

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:

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;

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

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

1 Peter 5:1-4

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1 Peter 5:5

- Peter now says that in like manner...
- ‘In just the same way..’
- Don’t try to be above your station!
- Don’t have delusions of grandeur!
- Know your place.

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.

1 Peter 5:5

- Gr. 'Neos' – 'recently born'
- This is not merely a reference to younger people within a church...
- ...but to those who are young or immature in their Christian walk

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- Why submit?
- The same word (Gr. 'Hypotasso') Peter has used throughout ...
- Submit to government & authority, submit to your boss, submit to your husbands, now, in the church the younger men (spiritually) are to submit to their elders.
- To get under the mission, not their own ideas

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1 Peter 5:5

- Submit yourself to the 'Elder' (spiritually older)
- This has to do with spiritual maturity, not age.
- Paul admonished Timothy not to let people think little of him because he was young.
- Remember had seen first-hand those close to him clamoring for position!
  - This was one occasion that Peter was on the right side!



And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

**Luke 22:24-26**

Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.

**Luke 9: 46-48**

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

**Mark 10:35-37**

And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

**Luke 14:7-11**

But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

**Luke 14:7-11**

- Consider Korah!
  - didn't work out too well for him!
- Look at the tribe of Dan
  - they wanted more than they had been given – didn't work out too week for them either!
- Remember this idea of submitting is not to say the Government is always right, it is not to say that your boss is always right
  - Peter has already told you that you might be treated unjustly by your boss, but you are to patiently endure suffering as it is glorifying to God.
- Wives are to submit to their husbands, not because their husbands always get it right! (Any wife will tell you they don't!) But the wives are to submit because of the order.

- The order has been ordained by God for his purpose and glory.



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1 Peter 5:5

- Note that Peter says that we should be '*clothed with humility*'.
- It's interesting to do a study on clothing, there are a number of spiritual lessons we can learn .
- Clothing is there to protect us,
  - If we are to be closed with humility we should realise that it is for our protection
- but it's also that which other people see when they look at us .



# Clothed with Humility

- To be clothed with humility is for our protection that we don't learn to run before we can walk
- ... that we don't bite off more than we can chew
- ...that we don't make the same mistake Paul warns Timothy about when promoting people within the church to positions of authority, and tells Timothy that they should not be a novice lest they become puffed up with pride and fall into the condemnation of the devil . (see 1Tim 3:6)

# Clothed with Humility

- Clothing is also that which others see and humility should be what others see when they look at us.
- They shouldn't see ambition they shouldn't see pride they shouldn't see a desire to usurp or gain position over another .

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1 Peter 5:6

- Notice it is that God will exalt you in his timing!
  - If it's His will & plan for you!

- *“Get into the habit of examining in the sight of God the things that sound humble before men, and you will be amazed at how staggeringly impertinent they are. “Oh, I shouldn’t like to say I am sanctified; I’m not a saint.” Say that before God; and it means – “No, Lord, it is impossible for You to save and sanctify me; there are chances I have not had; so many imperfections in my brain and body; no, Lord, it isn’t possible.” That may sound wonderfully humble before men, but before God it is an attitude of defiance.*

- *“Again, the things that sound humble before God may sound the opposite before men. To say – “Thank God, I know I am saved and sanctified,” is in the sight of God the acme of humility, it means you have so completely abandoned yourself to God that you know He is true. Never bother your head as to whether what you say sounds humble before men or not, but always be humble before God, and let Him be all in all.*

*– Oswald Chambers – My Utmost For His Highest*

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty  
hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:  
Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for  
you.

**1 Peter 5:6,7**

**Be sober,** be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1 Peter 5:8

- **Gr. *nepho*** a different Greek word than that used in **1 Pet 4:7**. Here the word means “to be watchful; circumspect.”
- Satan is real. Bitter. Malignant. Resourceful. However, refuse him his place and he flees  
**James 4:7**
- (Could this also be a veiled reference to the lions of Nero in the physical arena?)

- *“The fact that we are tempted ought to humble us, for it is sad evidence that there is sin still remaining in us. I believe that the devil is no fool, and that, if there is a man or a woman who cannot be tempted—that is, they have no corruption in their nature—depend on it, Satan will not waste much of his time trying to tempt them. He does not waste his time in such a useless exercise. The person who believes that they are perfect can never pray the Lord's prayer; they must offer one of their own making, for they will never be willing to say, “Lead me not into temptation;” but, beloved, because the devil thinks it's worth his time to tempt us, we may conclude that there is something in us that is temptable—that sin still dwells there, in spite of the fact that the grace of God has renewed our hearts”.*

**– Charles Spurgeon**



Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

1 Peter 5:9

- You are not alone.

- Question:
- Who wants to be perfect, established, strengthened and settled?
- Sounds idyllic doesn't it!

# The Purpose of Suffering

*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.*

**1 Peter 5:10**

- “After...a while”: we grow by suffering. “Perfect” = completed.
- Your present afflictions may be preparation for ministering to others...

- *“Men will never become great in divinity until they become great in suffering. ‘Ah!’ said Luther, ‘affliction is the best book in my library;’ and let me add, the best leaf in the book of affliction is that blackest of all the leaves, the leaf called heaviness, when the spirit sinks within us, and we cannot endure as we could wish. And yet again; this heaviness is of essential use to a Christian, if he would do good to others. . . . There are none so tender as those who have been skinned themselves. Those who have been in the chamber of affliction know how to comfort those who are there. Do not believe that any man will become a physician unless he walks the hospitals; and I am sure that no one will become a divine, or become a comforter, unless he lies in the hospital as well as walks through it, and has to suffer himself.” - Charles Spurgeon*

- *“I would not trade the difficult years for all the prosperity in the world. God knows what each one of us must suffer in order to be conformed to the image of Christ.*

- Paul Washer

To him *be glory and dominion for ever and ever.*  
*Amen.*

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.

1 Peter 5:11,12

- “True grace” is the theme of this epistle wherein we can stand in the hour of trial.

Cf. Rom 5:2

- [Following are possibly personal annotations by Peter himself, as Paul often did.]

- Silvanus, Peter's amanuensis, may have been the same as Paul's Silas on his second missionary journey. (But it was a common name.)
- Silvanus may have personally delivered the letter to the churches along the predetermined route suggested in **1 Peter 1:1**: 'Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia'.

The *church that is at Babylon*, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my SON.

1 Peter 5:13

- Probably from the Nestorian Church, held from the beginning at Babylon on the Euphrates.
- Some maintain that it was a code word for pagan Rome.
- Babylon was a major Jewish center: the *Babylonian Talmud* even ranks over the *Jerusalem Talmud* (which was written in Tiberius, not Jerusalem).



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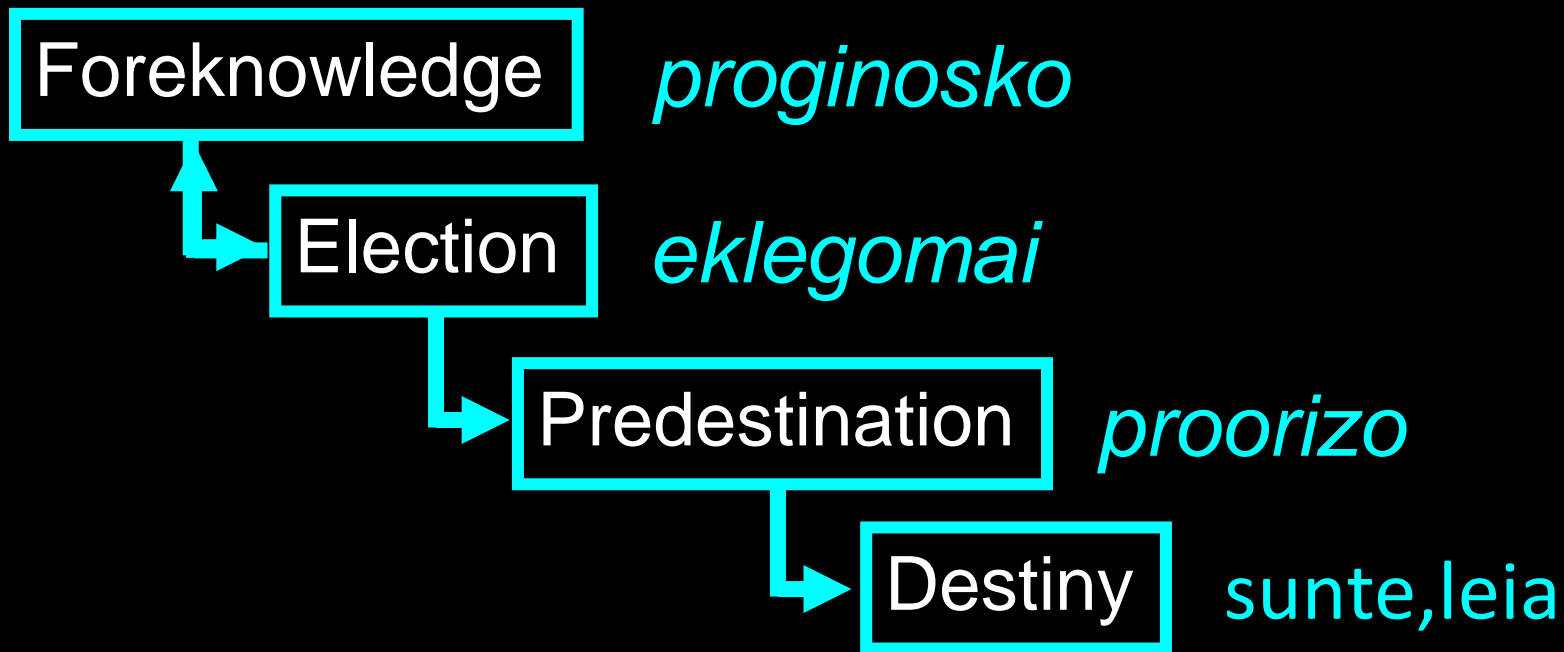
- Election: the sovereign act of God in grace whereby certain persons are chosen from among mankind for Himself
- And whereby certain elect persons are chosen for distinctive service for Him

**Luke 6:13; Act 9:15; 1 Cor 1:27,28**

# Election

- Both OT & NT  
(Hebrew & Greek):
    - “elect”
    - “election”
    - “choose”
    - “chosen”
- “To choose:”  
of both divine  
and human  
choices

# Paradigm of Divine Volition



- Foreknowledge determines Election
- Predestination brings to pass the Election
- Election looks back to Foreknowledge
- Predestination looks forward to Destiny

# Divine Election

- Corporate

- Israel Isa 45:4

- Church Eph 1:4

- Individual

- According to the foreknowledge of God  
1 Pet 1:2

- Wholly of grace, not human merit  
Rom 9:11; 11:5,6

- Whereby certain are chosen for Himself  
John 15:19

- Or for distinctive service

- Luke 6:13; Acts 9:15; 1 Cor 1:27,28

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1 Peter 5:13

- Marcus = John Mark, who apparently accompanied Peter in the later years and wrote his gospel in collaboration with Peter.
- Earlier he had accompanied Paul and Barnabas but appeared unfaithful at first

Acts 15:37-39

- He was later reaccredited to Paul's satisfaction

2 Tim 4:11

Greet ye one another with a kiss of **[agape]**  
Peace *be* with you all that are in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

1 Peter 5:14

- The world often uses affection to say ‘what can I get?’
- Christian’s should say ‘what can I give?’
- ‘Agape’ love is unconditional love
- If you are IN Christ Jesus you will know peace!





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