

Knowing Christ

A Study of 1 Peter

Serving in Hope

Lesson 19

1 Peter 5

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1 Peter

- ▶ An epistle to teach about suffering in the Christian life
- ▶ Suffering is an essential part of the Christian life – the true grace of God
- ▶ The purpose of Peter is to encourage believers to stand firm in suffering
- ▶ 1 Peter 5 – new subjects: Elder ministry, humility, anxiety, the devil
- ▶ An appropriate ending to an epistle on suffering

1 Peter: The Doctrine of Suffering

- ▶ Suffering is necessary (1:6)
 - Various trials – persecution – events or circumstances challenging our peace in Christ
- ▶ Not punishment for sin – a “once for all” event by Christ (3:18)
 - Chastening (Hebrews 12:4-7)
 - Hebrew (*MUSAR*) – Discipline or instruction (Proverbs 3:11-12)
 - Greek (*paideia*) – the training of a child – discipline and instruction
- ▶ Suffering is a trial, or proof, of your faith (1:7)
 - “The just shall live by faith” (Habakkuk 2:4)
 - Examples: Job, Christ
- ▶ Suffering is sharing (experiencing) the life of Christ (2:21)
- ▶ Suffering is blessing (3:14; 4:14; Phil 1:29)

The Plan of Salvation

- ▶ The determining will of God (1:2; 2:21; 3:17; 4:2, 19)
- ▶ The centrality of Jesus Christ (1:2, 18-19; 2:5, 21; 3:15; 3:18; 4:13-14)
- ▶ The living hope – resurrection – the end of our faith (1:3, 9; 5:1)
- ▶ A growing experience – grace and peace in fullest measure (1:3)

Submission to the Lord

- ▶ Submission to every human creation for the Lord's sake (2:13)
- ▶ The pathway to blessing (3:9)
- ▶ Citizens – to kings and governors, as slaves of God
- ▶ Slaves – endure with patience – grace with God
- ▶ Wives – the hidden person of the heart; precious in the sight of God
- ▶ Husbands – honor wife as a fellow heir of the grace of life, to be heard by God
- ▶ Submission reflects our valuation of the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

Serving in Hope

- ▶ Exhortations regarding elders (5:1-5a)
- ▶ Exhortations to “all of you” (5:5b-11)
- ▶ Final exhortation to stand firm (5:12-14)

Exhortation Regarding Elders (5:1-5a)

- ▶ Elders – serving the true grace of God (5:1)
- ▶ Witness to the sufferings of Christ
 - Atoning sacrifice
 - Example for believers
- ▶ Partaker of the glory to be revealed
 - The living hope
 - God's own possession – aliens and strangers in the world
- ▶ Shepherds (5:2; John 21:16)
 - The flock of God (John 10:14; 21:15)
 - A costly flock (Acts 20:28)
 - Guardians (2:25)
 - Examples for the flock (2:21)

Exhortation Regarding Elders (5:1-5a)

- ▶ Not under compulsion, but voluntary submission to the will of God
- ▶ Not for sordid gain, but eagerly
- ▶ Not lording over the flock, but proving to be examples
- ▶ Serving for the living hope – the unfading crown of glory
- ▶ A word for younger men – submission with expectation of blessing

Exhortations to “All of You” (5:5b-9)

- ▶ Humility toward one another (5:5b)
- ▶ Humility under the mighty hand of God (5:6)
- ▶ Casting anxiety on Him (5:7)
- ▶ Be sober and on the alert for the devil (5:8-9)
 - A roaring lion seeking to devour
 - The enemy of our faith
 - Eve in the Garden (Gen 3:1-7)
 - Job in his suffering (Job 1:9-11)
 - Peter in his denial (Luke 22:31)
 - Disciples in the storm (Matt 8:26)
 - Christ in His temptations (Matt 4:1-11)
 - Resist him, firm in the faith
- ▶ Instructions for preparing for various trials

Stand Firm (5:10-14)

- ▶ Suffering, ordained by the God of all grace to perfect, confirm, strengthen, stablish you
- ▶ Called to be in Christ
- ▶ Called to His eternal glory
- ▶ This is the true grace of God
- ▶ Stand firm in it