

## 1 Peter 5:1-14 Church Leaders for a Suffering Church

1. Therefore, exhortation from another elder and witness
  - a. To the Elders
    - i. As a direct witness of Christ's suffering
    - ii. As a direct witness of Christ's revealed glory
  - b. Be a good Shepherd v. 2
    - i. To the flock around you
    - ii. By God's will
    - iii. Willingly providing oversight, not by compulsion
    - iv. Eagerly (with passion) and not for dishonest gain
  - c. Be a godly example of spiritual leadership v. 3
    - i. Don't be Lording your authority over the flock Matt. 20:25-28
  - d. The promise for diligence in leadership v. 4
    - i. A crown of glory when the Chief Shepherd appears
      1. Eternal and unfading
  - e. 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; Eph. 4:11-12
2. Submit to your spiritual leaders (elders) v. 5a
  - a. Especially those who are young and young in the faith
3. Submit to one another v. 5b
  - a. Out of humility
    - i. Forsaking pride
    - ii. Accepting instead, God's grace which is given to the humble
4. Humble yourselves before God v. 6-7
  - a. Exaltation is available at His appearing, not here, not now

- b. Casting the net of your burdens and anxiety from persecution on Him
    - i. He cares for you!
- 5. Be sober and vigilant v. 8
  - a. The devil, your adversary, wants to destroy you
    - i. Don't give him opportunity
- 6. RESIST the devil v. 9
  - i. How? By being steadfast in your faith
  - ii. By knowing that others are suffering too
    - 1. You're not the only one
- 7. Be perfected, established, strengthened and settled v. 10
  - a. Through your sufferings
  - b. By God's grace (unmerited favor)
  - c. Knowing that you have been called to appear in heaven to see God's glory through His Son Jesus Christ
    - i. You too must identify with the one who made your salvation possible
- 8. All glory and dominion be given to God, FOREVER v. 11
  - a. Can we agree on this? Yes!
- 9. Written by the hand of Silvanus, our faithful brother v. 12
  - a. This has been a brief testimony
  - b. Your suffering and persecution are by the grace of God
    - i. Stand firm in that grace
- 10. The Church in Rome (Babylon) is also suffering greatly
  - a. By the same election as you, they send their greetings
    - i. So does my son Mark who is with me
- 11. Greet one another with a kiss of love—Peace in Christ Jesus