

**Believers must humbly depend upon God's strength to overcome Satan.**

1 Peter themes: **hope** (confidence in God for the future), **suffering** (a privilege and a part of God's plan), **holiness** (growth in Christlike character), **humility** (following Jesus' example), **grace** (Grace is God's generous and totally unmerited favor to undeserving lost sinners and needy saints. By God's grace we are saved and not by any works on our part and also the believer grows in holiness toward the image of Jesus Christ through grace); and **glory** (The glory of God means the sum total of all that God does and is. "Glory" is not a separate attribute or characteristic of God, such as His holiness, wisdom, or mercy. Everything that God is and does is characterized by glory. He is glorious in wisdom and power, so that everything He thinks and does is marked by glory. He reveals His glory in creation (Psalm 19) and in His plan of salvation for lost sinners. **Exodus 34:**<sup>27</sup> *Then the LORD said to Moses,..*<sup>28</sup> *So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights;..*<sup>29</sup> *It came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai, that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him...*<sup>33</sup> *When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.*

The believer is looking forward to "eternal glory" **1 Peter 5:10c:**

[a] **now Romans 8:30c** *these whom He justified, He also glorified.*; **1 Peter 4:14b** *you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.*; **John 17:22** *The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one.* The believer receives glory at the great exchange at salvation **2 Corinthians 5:21** *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*; **His glory is revealed in the believer when time is spent with Him in the Bible and prayer;**

[b] **ultimately in heaven** with our resurrected bodies: **1 Peter 1:7** *praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*; **1 John 3:2** *Beloved, now we are children of God, We know that when He appears, we will be like Him.*)

**I. RESPONSIBLE SHEPHERDS (1 PETER 5:1-4)** <sup>1</sup> *Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,* <sup>2</sup> *shepherd the flock of God among you, [exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God]; and [not for sordid gain, but with eagerness];* <sup>3</sup> *[nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock].* <sup>4</sup> *And when the Chief Shepherd<sup>a</sup> appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.* **a--Jesus**

**II. TRUSTING SHEEP (1 PETER 5:5-7)** <sup>5</sup> *You younger men, likewise, be subject<sup>b</sup> to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility<sup>c</sup> toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.* <sup>6</sup> *Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,* <sup>7</sup> *casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.* **c- Phil. 2:3-4 Ephesians 5:21** *and be subject<sup>b</sup> to one another in the fear of Christ.* **b- voluntarily**

**How difficult is it for you to show humility to one another? What does showing humility to someone else look like to you? What is the difference between "showing humility" & "be subject to one another"**

**III. THE NEED FOR ALERTNESS (1 PETER 5:8-11)** <sup>8</sup> **Be** of sober spirit, **Page 2**  
*be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.* <sup>9</sup> *But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.*  
<sup>10</sup> *After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.* <sup>11</sup> *To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

**The believer in Jesus Christ has 3 enemies: [1] Satan--James 4:7** *Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.* **Ephesians 6:** <sup>10</sup> *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.* <sup>11</sup> *Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.*

**[2] The world system that is opposed to God-- Ephesians 6:** <sup>12</sup> *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.* <sup>13</sup> *Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.*

**[3] Our own flesh and self desires--Galatians 5:** <sup>16</sup> *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.* <sup>19</sup> *Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,* <sup>20</sup> *idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,* <sup>21</sup> *envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you... that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.* <sup>22</sup> *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,* <sup>23</sup> *gentleness, self-control;*

**Which enemy is a greater temptation for you? How do you deal with the temptation?**

**Summary/application:**

1. Be thankful for our Pastors: Dr. Brunson, Rev Sullivan, Dr. Lambert, Rev. Savage, Rev. Pellum [South], Dr. Browning [Ortega], Rev. Sproles [UNF] and all the staff.

2. "**All of you**, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another "

3. "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day," of temptation by Satan, the world system and our flesh.

4. "walk by the Spirit" and the power of Jesus and put off the deeds of the flesh.

5. **Scripture Memory verses: #9a 1 Peter 5:6-7** <sup>6</sup> *...humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,* <sup>7</sup> *casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.*

**#9b 1 Peter 5:8-9a** <sup>8</sup> *Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.* <sup>9</sup> *But resist him, firm in your faith,*

**For all 1 & 2 Peter memory verses:**

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