
1 Peter 5:1-14

The 5 Crowns

(Basic Bible in English)

These next 3 chapters are called "The Suffering Chapters" because they speak a great deal of suffering and how we should deal with it as Christians who are living in a world that's lost, dying, dark and bad things go on everyday. We are living in a darkening world that is demonically inspired, and the end of the age is approaching as evidenced by what's going on in the world – politically, socially, environmentally... These chapters talk about the trials and tribulations that we meet in our daily lives.

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1 ¶ The elders which are among you I exhort (encourage, to call near), **who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:** "Elders" means an older person who is treated with respect. Peter says he's been around long enough to see the suffering of Jesus Christ firsthand, and he's also going to be a part when all is revealed. We also have that position with Peter to participate in Christ's glory, the glory of God, being a child of God.

2 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; If you're an elder and you have a responsibility of a flock of God, you have to do it because you love to do it and no other reason. You're not doing it for the money, power, or recognition. If you take the religious leading job just for the money, that's wrong. If God put you in that leadership position, you are doing it out of love for God, not the money.

3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. No one is a task master, doing it their way or the highway. They are to lead by example, not being ruled over with an iron fist. You are not to ask the flock to do anything you wouldn't do yourself.

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. This word "shepherd" means "the office of the person". Jesus Christ is the chief shepherd, the ultimate leader of the flock. The word "crown" means "a circle or surrounding". This denotes someone who runs a race and the winner would get a little wreath crown to show they won the race. This is a different word than the crown for a king.

The 5 crowns: offered for some type of service to Jesus Christ.

1. Incorruptible Crown aka Victor's Crown
2. Crown of Life aka Martyr's Crown
3. The Crown of Glory aka the Elder's Crown; for leading Christ's flock on earth
4. Crown of Righteousness [2 Tim 4:8](#); looking fwd to the second coming of Jesus Christ.
5. Crown of Rejoicing, for people who witness for Christ.

5 ¶ 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. The younger people must submit themselves to the elderly around them. Younger people must respect the elderly and listen to them, and so many don't today. Older people have a lot more life experience and knowledge that can help the younger people navigate through the tough times of life. This means we are to respect each other and be humble. Treat others with respect and don't think you're better than anyone else. Don't brag about how smart you are, how pretty you are, how rich you are....God will humble you if you don't humble yourself.



6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: if God wants you exalted before men, He'll do it. Don't try to do it yourself. God will humble you if you don't humble yourself.

7 Casting (throw) **all your care upon him; for he careth for you.** Focus on God.

8 ¶ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Sober isn't talking about alcohol; it means have a serious frame of mind. You don't have to walk around like a stick in the mud, but take your spiritual life seriously. Recognize when the devil and his minions are attacking you and resist, turn to the Lord for help. Know what's happening around you. Satan is wandering this earth, preying on weak people.

9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. If you feel challenged or attacked spiritually, turn to the Lord, pray, and study the word of God. Know that every person on this planet is facing the same attack. Our souls live forever, in hell or in heaven, and God wants us with Him out of love, but Satan wants us out of hate. Our souls are precious: protect it at all costs.

10 ¶ 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. We are not in Christ's eternal glory yet, but we have been called. It will last forever. Notice that while we are on earth, we will suffer awhile. One lifetime, to be exact, whether you live to 2 or 102, you will suffer here to become the shiny, pure, wonderful soul that's within all of us. Suffering is not fun or easy but necessary. You can use suffering to strengthen you or you can let it beat you down.

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

12 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. Silvanus wrote this letter down for Peter.

13 The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son. There is a great dispute about whether Peter ever went to Babylon or Rome for real. Babylon at that time was used as a synonym for Rome. Sometimes Babylon is used as a meaning for all man's evilness and greed. In this verse, we don't really know if this means the town or not. It doesn't matter. It doesn't change the message of this letter.

14 Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen. This kiss of charity, some churches do kiss each other.

"A kiss to a young girl is hope. A kiss to a married women is faith. A kiss to an old maid is love."