



HAVE VICTORY IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

1 Peter 5:5-14

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Happy New Year! In his letter, Peter writes to believers facing troubling times [for] their faith. He urged them to see their trials as a way to increase their faith. Since we have eternal hope in Christ, we can look beyond current troubles and rest in God's power. Jude's message is similar to Peter's: to encourage believers to keep our hope strong in the suffering and identity in Christ. Peter ends this 1st letter by teaching believers to grow in the faith, trust in God's sovereignty and hope in the eternal glory for all believers.

*"Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." **6** Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, **7** casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. **8** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **9** Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. **10** And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. **11** To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. **12** By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. **13** She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. **14** Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ."* **1 Peter 5:5-14**

1. Christians are to GROW In The FAITH. (v 5)

- The attitude of SUBMISSION is necessary for godly TRAINING.
- The attitude of HUMILITY is necessary for godly MATURITY.

2. Christians are to TRUST In God's SOVEREIGNTY and CARE. (v 6-7)

- God will LIFT UP the suffering, submissive, believer at GOD'S appointed time.
- The attitude of TRUST is necessary for godly VICTORY.

3. Christians are to be SOBER-MINDED and WATCHFUL to RESIST the Devil. (v 8-9)

- Satan sows DISCORD and DISCOURAGEMENT.
- The way to RESIST the devil is to LIVE in accord with God's WORD.

*"For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. **4** For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. **5** We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ"*

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

James 4:7

4. God's PURPOSES Result in ETERNAL Glory. (v 10-11)

- While the believer is being personally ATTACKED by the enemy, he is being personally PERFECTED by the Lord.
- God will RESTORE you
- God will CONFIRM you
- God will STRENGTHEN you
- God will ESTABLISH you

5. Christians are Able to Stand Firm in God's Undeserved Favor (v 12)

Everything given to us by God is through and by His grace that is a gift. Grace is not earned nor is it deserved. Therefore, we must receive and stand firm in this grace that we trust in until the day of His return or until the day of our death — whichever is first.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. God has continued to reveal Himself throughout history for people to know Him and worship Him. However, the Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Jesus gives us eternal life by His grace through offering us faith"... faith is a gift of God to fully trust in him. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. The Bible says to turn away from doing things your way, to REPENT of your sins and BELIEVE in Jesus who gives forgiveness and eternal life.