

1 Peter 5

“THE FINAL THREE”

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As Peter closes this letter he gives three encouragements to believers. These are the ‘final three’ directions given to us so that we may have a victorious life and so that God may be glorified in Christ Jesus in everything.

1. Be _____ . (5:1-4)

- The term pastor (shepherd) bishop (overseer) and elder (mature leader) all point to the same office (Acts 20:17;28)
- Pastors are called to shepherd _____ flock.
- Pastors are to lead by example, setting the pace for the church.
- Leaders are to lead from a willing heart - not coerced into service.
- Pastor’s chief job is to _____ & _____ the sheep that God has entrusted to them.
- The promise: The Chief Shepherd will place on them a “crown of glory” - it will not fade away.

2. Be _____ (5:5-7)

- Vs 5 points to young people, but may be applied to all members as they follow their spiritual leaders (Heb. 13:17)
- This is a picture pointing back to Jesus washing the disciples feet in the upper room. The King of Glory humbled to wash their feet is the example we as believers are called to meet.
- “Clothe yourself with humility towards one another” Means that we are to put on a _____ - we are to be _____. Why?
- God resists _____, self seeking persons but gives _____ to the humble. (5:5-6)
- As we humble ourselves - God will lift us up.
- Cast _____ your cares on God. He Cares for you. (5:7)

3. Be _____ (5:8-11)

Who better than Peter to know about the prowling of Satan. Several times Jesus warned Peter that Satan was after him, but he failed to heed the warnings.

Too many believers have “gone to sleep” opening the way for Satan to work. (Matthew 13:25; 39)

Satan’s Names:

- Adversary - One Who Accuses the Courts
- Devil - Slander
- Satan accuses us before God - (Job 1-2, Rev.12:10)
- Satan uses the lips of the unsaved to accuse us falsely - (1 Peter 2:12; 3:16; 4:4, 14)
- Satan comes either as a serpent to _____ (Gen. 3) (or) as a lion to _____. (5:8) This is his total game toward those who believe in Christ. If you are not a believer in Christ - Satan is not messing with you. You already belong to him.
- Satan is a liar and murderer. (John 8:44) - He wants to destroy your life and keep you, by all means, from the Redemption found in Christ Jesus.

Defeating Satan

1. Be _____! (vs 8)

Keep your eyes open & Don’t relax your guard.

When we do, we fall into Satan’s trap.

We are in a battle not a playground.

2. _____! (vs 9)

Calling to mind an army, standing together to oppose the enemy. (Unity & The Word of God is the greatest weapon against Satan) If there is a break in unity among believers - Satan will take the opportunity to fulfill his names and create even more division by deception, accusations, lies, slander, oppression, bondage, and by devouring those that he can lead away from God’s flock.

3. _____! (vs 9)

We resist by faith. (Standing firm in the faith), trusting in the victory of Christ.

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4. _____!

Remember that other Christians around the world are facing the same trials that you are facing - You are not alone.

If satan can make you feel singled out by God, he will discourage you to the point that he (satan) will defeat you.

How do you know Satan has defeated or is defeating you?

- Lack of participation in worship, prayer, Bible study, corporate worship, service, humility, depression, anxiety, disregard for the things of God.
- There is a reason God said - "Do NOT forsake the assembling together as some do" - We need each other, and we need to worship, pray, and be in God's Word together.

The sheep that has wandered away makes easy prey.

Remember - You Are Strong! (5:10-11)

- Remember you are CALLED!
- Called to Grace and Called to Victorious Living.
- **God WILL:**
 - Restore you.
 - Establish you.
 - Strengthen you.
 - Support you.

Because of this, through our faith in Christ Jesus - we give Him all glory and honor, and praise - He alone has dominion forever.

The Christian life begins with grace:

Ephesians 2:8-10 - today is the day for you to experience God's great grace through Christ Jesus and begin to live the victorious life He has for you.

Defeat satan by changing sides - for the first time, or as a renewal of your faith. Declare satan the loser in your life and crown Jesus King.

If you made a decision today - please complete a connect card and give it to a staff member on your way out - we want to pray with you and encourage you in your new (or) renewed walk with Christ.