

## Shepherd the Flock of God

**5** So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:

<sup>2</sup> shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight,<sup>[a]</sup> not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you;<sup>[b]</sup> not for shameful gain, but eagerly;

<sup>3</sup> not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

<sup>4</sup> And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

<sup>5</sup> 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.”

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

<sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

<sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## Final Greetings

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son.

<sup>14</sup> Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.