

1ST PETER

After addressing elders and those young believers who are to submit to them, Peter addresses us all. Look closely and you'll see a battle plan for dealing with adversity.



CHAPTER 5:-5b-14

^{5b} **All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."**

⁶ **Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. ⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.**

What does it mean to "clothe" oneself with humility?

Who will reward us if we do – and when will this happen?

What are we to do when we are anxious and worried?

Why must we be self-controlled and alert?

Now, Peter is about to emphasize yet again that our endurance in the face of trials will pay off...

¹⁰ **And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.**

How much longer will we need to suffer and what does the promise to "restore" us indicate?

Consider how Peter now closes this letter. There's a few jewels in his final words. .

¹² **With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. ¹³ She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.**

Who helped Peter write this letter?

In what are we to stand fast?

Who sends greetings – and who is in Babylon?

Points to Ponder

What would you say is the main take away from this letter?

What do you make of "this kiss of love?"

