

## 1 Peter 5:8-14

Peter closes his letter with a warning: we have an enemy. We need not fear him, but we must be aware of his tactics and learn to resist him. *The God of all grace* is more powerful and is for us. His desire for us is that we *stand in His true grace*. Peter has faithfully taught us how to do this—Suffering is inevitable, victory and glory are possible now and guaranteed upon Christ's return. May we be all about His glory.

### Read 1 Peter 5:8-14

1. Our text is two sections/paragraphs. List below the subject(s) covered in these sections. Also, give each section your own title.

#### Verses 8-11

#### Verses 12-14

2. Note the contrasting term *but* in verse 10. Contrast the goal of *your adversary the devil* in verse 8 and the goals of *the God of all grace* in verse 10.

devil	God

3. Each one of us needs to take to heart Peter's strong warning in 1 Peter 5:8. What did he say?

Be \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Define the word *sober*.
- b. Define the word *vigilant*.
- c. How will being *sober* and *vigilant* protect us from *our adversary the devil*?

3. It is important for us to know our enemy's purposes and tactics: *Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices* (2 Corinthians 2:11). Record what you learn about him from the following verses:

John 8:44

2 Corinthians 11:14

4. In 1 Peter 5:9 we receive essential instruction concerning spiritual warfare. Rather than run in cowardly fear from the enemy, what are we to do? Use 1 Peter 5:9 to answer.
- a. *Resist* means to withstand, be firm against attack. We *resist* the devil by *standing firm in the faith* (verse 9a NIV). Satan wants to destroy our faith in God. How does a believer *stand firm in the faith*? Use Luke 4:1-13 to help you with your answer.
5. 1 Peter 5:10 is one of the most comforting verses in 1 Peter. It provides hope for Christians, particularly to those who are suffering. How is God described in verse 10?
- a. *The God of all grace* indicates He is the source of all spiritual comfort and help for every need and that His grace is available to all believers. Share a way you have experienced His grace in an impossible or difficult situation in your life.

6. Observe Peter's purpose for writing this letter by completing the sentence from verse 12

*I have written to you briefly, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
that this is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in which \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.*

7. What does it mean to *stand in the true grace of God*?

a. What do you learn about this from Romans 5:1-2?

1) As seen in 1 Peter 5:12, Peter concludes his first letter with an emphasis on the grace of God. How does he conclude 2 Peter? See 2 Peter 3:18.

2) Considering all that Peter learned as an apostle of Jesus Christ, why do you think he puts such a strong emphasis on the theme of *grace*?

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<sup>8</sup>Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.<sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.<sup>10</sup>But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*.<sup>11</sup>To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.<sup>12</sup>By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.<sup>13</sup>She who is in Babylon, elect together with *you*, greets you; and *so does* Mark my son.<sup>14</sup>Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.