

I. WE MUST RESIST OUR ADVERSARY, THE DEVIL (1 PETER 5:8-9)

- A. The devil, or Satan, is a real danger **(1 Peter 5:8)**
1. He is an adversary, accuser, liar, deceiver, and devourer **(Revelation 12:9-10; John 8:44; Luke 22:31-32)**
 2. He has schemes we must be aware of, like unforgiveness **(Ephesians 6:11; 2 Corinthians 2:10-11)**
- B. Our resistance begins with vigilance and continues with strong, active opposition **(1 Peter 5:8-9)**
1. We must be sober-minded and watchful **(1 Peter 5:8; 1 Peter 4:7; 1:13; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5)**
 2. Taking a stand is not a passive posture but an active one **(Ephesians 6:11-18)**
- C. Our victory comes by faith in Christ **(1 Peter 5:9)**
1. Jesus has overcome the world and conquered Satan **(John 16:33; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8; Colossians 2:15)**
 2. We overcome by faith in Christ, not ourselves **(1 John 5:4-5; 1 Corinthians 15:57; Ephesians 6:10)**
 3. Opposition to our faith is not a surprise **(1 Peter 5:9; 1 Peter 4:12)**

II. STAND FIRM IN THE TRUE GRACE THAT WE ARE CALLED TO SUFFER NOW BUT GLORY WILL COME (1 PETER 5:10-14)

- A. We suffer now, but we will be exalted to glory later **(1 Peter 5:10; 1 Peter 5:6; 1:13; 4:13)**
- B. 1 Peter is a letter exhorting us to stand firm in the true grace of God that Peter declares to us readers **(1 Peter 5:11-14)**
- C. We are Elect Exiles who are called out of darkness into the marvelous light to proclaim His excellencies **(1 Peter 1:1; 2:9-10)**

