

First Peter

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9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.

11 To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

13 The *church that is* at Babylon, elected together with *you*, saluteth you; and *so doth* Marcus my son.

14 Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace *be* with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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a. Be victorious, 5:8a “Be sober...”

Mt. 26:41 **Watch** and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

1 Cor. 16:13 **Watch** ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Jas. 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

2 Cor. 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, **as the serpent beguiled** Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Original Word: νήφω

Transliteration: néphó

Definition: (lit: I am sober), I am calm (vigilant), circumspect.

néphō – properly, to be sober (not drunk), not intoxicated; (figuratively) free from illusion, i.e. from the intoxicating influences of sin (like the impact of selfish passion, greed, etc.).

néphō ("be sober, unintoxicated") refers to having *presence of mind* (clear judgment), enabling someone to be *temperate* (self-controlled). *néphō* ("uninfluenced by intoxicants") means to have "one's wits (faculties) about them," which is the opposite of being *irrational*. <http://biblehub.com/greek/3525.htm>

b. Be vigilant, 5:8b “...be vigilant...”

Original Word: γρηγορέω

Transliteration: grégoreó

Definition: (a) I am awake (in the night), watch, (b) I am watchful, on the alert, vigilant.

grēgoreúō – literally, “stay awake”; (figuratively) be *vigilant* (*responsible, watchful*).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1127.htm>

2. The reason, 5:8c-d

a. Because the enemy is powerful, 5:8c “...because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion ...”

1 Tim. 5:14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to **the adversary** to speak reproachfully.

15 For some are already turned aside after **Satan**.

LION

SIZE: Head and body, 4.5 to 6.5 ft.; tail, 26.25 to 39.5 in.

WEIGHT: 265 to 420 lbs.



Psa. 104:21 **The young lions roar** after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

Isa. 5:29 **Their roaring shall be like a lion**, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry *it* away safe, and none shall deliver *it*.

Amos 3:4 **Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey?**

will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?

8 **The lion hath roared, who will not fear?** the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

b. Because the enemy is prowling, 5:8d "...walketh about, seeking whom he may **devour**:"

Job 1:7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou?

Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From **going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down** in it. (Job 2:2)

Original Word: καταπίνω

Transliteration: katapinó

Definition: I drink down, swallow, devour, destroy, consume

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2666.htm>

1 Cor. 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is **swallowed up** in victory.

Heb. 11:29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry *land*: which the Egyptians assaying to do were **drowned**.

B. Warring with the roaring lion, 5:9

1. Unyielding resistance, 5:9a “Whom resist stedfast in the faith...”

Original Word: ἀνθίστημι

Transliteration: anthístēmi

Short Definition: I take a stand against, oppose, resist

Properly, *take a complete stand against*, i.e. a "180 degree, *contrary* position"; (figuratively) to establish one's position *publicly by conspicuously* "holding one's ground," i.e. *refusing to be moved* ("pushed back").

anthístēmi ("oppose *fully*") means to *forcefully declare one's personal conviction* (where they unswervingly stand); to *keep one's possession; ardently* withstand, without giving up (letting go).

(*anthístēmi*) was a *military* term in classical Greek (used by Thucydides, etc.) meaning "to strongly resist an opponent" ("take a *firm stand against*") <http://biblehub.com/greek/436.htm>

Eph. 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to **stand against the wiles of the devil.**

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places.*

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Jas. 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil**, and he will flee from you.

THE CHRISTIAN'S THREE-FOLD ENEMY

Problem

Solution

The World

([1 John 2:15-17](#))

Lust of the flesh

Lust of the eyes

Pride of life

Flee

([1 Tim. 6:11](#); [2 Tim. 2:22](#))

The flesh

([Rom. 7:18-24](#))

Deny

([Rom. 6:12-13](#); [8:13](#))

The devil

([1 Peter 5:8](#))

Resist

([1 Peter 5:9](#))

Peter advocated three responses to Satan in this passage:

- First, we should *respect* him ("be sober," v. 8).
- Second, Peter said we should *recognize* Satan ("be vigilant," v. 8).
- Third, we should *resist* Satan (v. 9).

1 Tim. 6:11 But thou, O man of God, **flee** these things; and **follow** after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

2 Tim. 2:22 **Flee** also youthful lusts: but **follow** righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Rom. 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

2. United resistance, 5:9b “...knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”

1 Cor. 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make **a way to escape**, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

We need to **SEEK** the “way to escape” and then...
TAKE the “way to escape.”

C. Winning over the roaring lion, 5:10-11

1. God and His grace, 5:10a “But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus ...”

2 Cor. 12:9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee**: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2. God and His goal, 5:10b-c

a. The process, 5:10b "...after that ye have suffered a while..."

2 Tim. 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

b. The prospect, 5:10c "...make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*."

Original Word: καταρτίζω

Transliteration: katartizó

Definition: (a) I fit (join) together; met: I compact together, (b) act. and mid: I prepare, perfect, for his (its) full destination or use, bring into its proper condition (whether for the first time, or after a lapse).

katartízō (from *katá*, "according to, down," intensifying *artizō*, "to adjust," which is derived from *ártios*, "properly adjusted") – **properly, exactly fit (adjust) to be in good working order**, i.e. adjusted *exactly* "down" to fully function.

1 Cor. 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye **be perfectly joined together** in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Gal. 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, **restore** such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

1 Thess. 3:10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might **perfect that** which is lacking in your faith?

Heb. 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were **framed** by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Heb. 13:21 **Make you perfect** in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Rom. 8:28 And we know that **all things work together** for good to them that love God, to them who are the called **according to his purpose.**

Original Word: στηρίζω

Transliteration: stérizó

Definition: (a) I fix firmly, direct myself towards, (b) generally met: I buttress, prop, support; I strengthen, establish.

stērízō (from *stēringks*, "a support that fixes, plants down"; akin to *hístēmi*, "to stand," having a duplication of the primitive Gk root/*sta*, "to make stand") – properly, set fast (fix); give *support to secure* (firmly establish); solidly plant (which eliminates vacillation).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4741.htm>

1 Thess. 3:2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, **to establish** you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

2 Thess. 2:17 Comfort your hearts, and **stablish you** in every good word and work.

Jas. 5:8 Be ye also patient; **stablish your hearts**: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Original Word: σθενόω
Transliteration: sthenoó
Definition: I strengthen.

Sthenóō (from *sthenos*, "strength") – properly, make strong so as to be *mobile* – i.e. able to move in a way that *achieves* something in the *most effective way*. <http://biblehub.com/greek/4599.htm>

Original Word: θεμελιόω
Transliteration: themelioó
Short Definition: I found, lay the foundation
<http://biblehub.com/greek/2311.htm>

Luke 6:48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was **founded** upon a rock.

Eph. 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and **grounded** in love,

Col. 1:23 If ye continue in the faith **grounded** and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

3. God and His glory, 5:11

a. It is personal glory, 5:11a “To him *be* glory...”

We are to focus our earthly challenges in view of the Lord’s eternal glory!

b. It is positional glory, 5:11b “...and dominion...”

c. It is perpetual glory, 5:11c “...for ever and ever.
Amen.”

Conclusion

Mt. 4:21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, **mending their nets**; and he called them.

Luke 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art **converted**, strengthen thy brethren.

Though Peter messed up, he repented and then, faithfully followed the Lord the rest of his life!

1 Jn. 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because **greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**