



**S O A M A Z I N G**

GRACE SO AMAZING TO THE HUMBLE  
1 Pet. 5:5-7

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6 **Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God**, that **he may exalt you in due time:**

7 Casting all your care upon him; **for he careth for you.**

As the Apostle Peter is moved by the Holy Spirit to close this epistle, the emphasis of “*Grace So Amazing*” is focused upon the subject of humility. Grace is given by God to those who are humble. What does that mean? This morning we will examine this passage to learn how God considers the connection between humility and grace.

## I. THE ROLE OF THE SHEEP, 5:5-7

A. Humility is Required, 5:5a “Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, **all of you** be subject one to another, and **be clothed with humility...**”

- ❖ To “be clothed with humility” is a command for a believer regarding grace to accomplish an attitude that procures God’s enablement beyond man’s capability of self-denial.
- ❖ To “be clothed” is a command to put on humility as a working virtue which enhances all other spiritual virtues in magnifying a believer’s testimony to be like Christ.

**Original Word:** ἐγκομβόομαι

**Transliteration:** egkomboomai

**Part of Speech:** Verb (**Imperative**)

**Definition:** to put on oneself (as a garment) **Usage:** I clothe myself (originally: I tie round in a knot).

*gkombóomai* – properly, the condition in which someone is secured (literally, "tucked up"); figuratively, clothed (securely girded).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1463.htm>

❖ A believer that is “clothed with humility” is greatly favored and blessed by God.

**Original Word:** ταπεινοφροσύνη **Transliteration:** tapeinophrosune;  
**Definition:** lowliness of mind, humility; **Usage:** humility, lowliness of mind, modesty.

*tapeinophrosýnē* – properly, *low*; *humility*, “*lowliness*” of human pride (self-government); **that *quality* of mindset of “having a humble opinion of oneself, i.e. a deep sense of one's (moral) littleness – i.e. lowliness of mind”** (J. Thayer).

In Scripture, *tapeinophrosýnē* (“lowliness, humility”) is an inside-out virtue produced by comparing ourselves *to the Lord* (rather than to others). This brings behavior into alignment with this inner revelation to keep one from being *self-exalting* (self-determining, self-inflated). **For the believer, *tapeinophrosýnē* (“humility”) means living in *complete dependence on the Lord*, i.e. with no reliance on *self* (the flesh).**

[(*tapeinophrosýnē*) is atypically used of *false* humility in Col. 2:18,23.]

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5012.htm>

Phil. 2:3 *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; **but in lowliness of mind** let each esteem other better than themselves.

Col. 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, **humbleness of mind**, meekness, longsuffering;

Jas. 4:6 But **he giveth more grace**. Wherefore he saith, **God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.**

❖ The command is for “all of you” to be “clothed with humility” in obedience to God.

B. Humility is Reasonable, 5:5b “...**for** God resisteth the proud, and **giveth grace to the humble.**”

- ❖ The motive for two things: the believer's humility is “for,” which means “since, because”
  - (1) God “squares off against the proud, and
  - (2) the blessing of procuring God's favor.



**Original Word:** ἀντιτάσσομαι **Transliteration:** antitassó

**Definition:** to range in battle against, to set oneself against

**Usage:** I set myself against, **resist** (the attack of).

*antitássomai* – properly, "squared off" (opposite to); *opposed to in principle and in practice*.

*antitássomai* ("**to resist**") means to "**reject the entire make-up of something,**" i.e. its *whole arrangement* – from its very "set up" (organization) to the final way it is "ordered."

[(*antitássomai*), a very old military term, was used for placing a soldier in a specific platoon (with a specific function) – i.e. in a definite order to attack or resist.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/498.htm>

❖ The message of humility is important from God's perspective as it describes His Son.

Mt. 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and **lowly** in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

## C. Humility is Rewarded, 5:6-7

### 1. The Prospect, 5:6

1 Pet. 5:6 **Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:**

❖ The command to “Humble yourselves” is accompanied with clarity and a promise:

**Original Word:** ταπεινῶ

**Part of Speech:** Verb (**Imperative**)

**Transliteration:** tapeinoó

**Definition:** to make low, to humble

**Usage:** I make or bring low, humble, humiliate; pass: I am humbled.

*tapeinóō* – make (become) *low*, to humble.

**With the believer, *tapeinóō* ("show humility, true lowliness") happens by being fully dependent on the Lord – dismissing reliance upon *self* (*self-government*) and *emptying carnal ego*.** This *exalts the Lord* as our all-in-all and prompts the gift of His fullness in us. <https://biblehub.com/greek/5013.htm>

- ❖ The “therefore” emphasizes God’s role and concern.
- ❖ The believer must realize that there are two main aspects of God’s role: (1) He sometimes puts the believer “under the mighty hand of God, and (2) “may exalt...in due time:”
  - Under the mighty hand of God = Joseph in the pit, then in Egyptian bondage, and prison BEFORE being exalted.
  - Paul had a thorn AFTER being caught up to the third heaven.

- ❖ The “Mighty Hand of God” Upon His Children → weighty challenge of preparation.
- ❖ We can only humble ourselves as to our limitations – God can take us lower than we would ever take ourselves (consider Job.)
- ❖ Jesus humbled Himself – the cross was a “lowering” experience for the Savior.

Phil. 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself**, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

2 Cor. 5:21 For **he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Luke 22:42 Saying, **Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. ...**

44 And **being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.**

❖ When a believer is “under the mighty hand of God,” He knows the limitation of pressure a believer can bear!

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 Cor. 9:8 And **God is able to make all grace abound toward you;** that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:

- ❖ The answer for all pressures for a believer is to cast “all your care upon” the Lord.

## 2. The Present, 5:7

1 Pet. 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; **for he careth for you.**

**Original Word:** μέριμνα **Transliteration:** merimna

**Definition:** care, anxiety; **Usage:** care, worry, anxiety.

*mérimna* – properly, a *part, separated* from the whole; draw in different directions: (figuratively) *worry (anxiety), dividing and fracturing* a person's being *into parts*.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3308.htm>



❖ When a believer feels as though the cares of life are pulling many different ways, it is time to “cast” them upon the Lord – “for” = because He cares for you with care “peri” all about you, a consideration where “all the bases are covered!”

*perí* (a preposition) – properly, all-around (on every side); encompassing, used of *full* (*comprehensive*)

**consideration where "all the bases are covered"**

(*inclusively*). (*perí*) is often translated "concerning" ("all about").

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4012.htm>

❖ The concern of the Lord Jesus Christ for His children is an ever present awareness that He has each believer's best interest at hand, caring for the well-being of His sheep.

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.

## Summary

- ❖ Humility radiates a humble attitude and NOT an attitude of pride.
- ❖ To “be clothed with humility” is to be a reflection of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ❖ For a believer to “humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God” is to fulfill the submissive role of a believer to God’s perfect will.

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

## Conclusion

Psa. 107:23 They that **go down** to the sea in ships, that **do business in great waters**;

24 These **see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.**

25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: **their soul is melted because of trouble.**

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, **and are at their wits' end.**

28 Then **they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.**

29 **He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.**

30 **Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.**

31 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

Psa. 37:4 **Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**