



"Faithfully Fighting 'the Fight of Faith' to the Finish" (Part 3)

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1 Peter 5:9b-14



6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that He may lift you up in time: **7** casting all your anxiety upon Him, for He cares for you. **8** Be sober, be alert; your adversary, the Devil prowls about like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. **9** Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are being accomplished by your brethren in the world. **10** And the God of all grace, the One who

called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, He will perfect, confirm, strengthen, [and] establish [you]. **11** To Him be the dominion for all eternity. Amen!

– 1 Peter 5:6-11, As translated from the Greek New Testament by Tony A. Bartolucci.

The Passage is Also Found on Page 182 of the New Testament Section of the Pew Bibles

Introduction:

Humble dependence on God's sovereign will is that which carries us through the sufferings of this life to the finish line of faith.

I. How to Persevere Through Suffering (vv.6-11)

A. Humble Yourself Before God (vv.6-7)

B. Be Aware of your Adversary (vv.8-9)

1. You are being hunted: Don't Run, Resist!

a. A few dangers . . .

(1) We can _____ Satan's power and influence

(2) We can _____ Satan's power and influence

b. How do we know *if we are* under demonic attack?

a. Some principles to remember . . .

(1) Cf. James 1:12-16

2. Don't Run; Resist!

C. Know that you Don't Suffer Alone (9)

1. Need for being in the life of the body

D. Focus on the Finish Line of Faith (10-11)

1. God is a God of grace who has called you (10)

a. Comparing 1:1-7 . . .

2. After suffering (the promise) God will:

a. "Perfect" (katartizō)

b. "Confirm" (stērizō)

c. "Strengthen" (sthenō)

d. "Establish" (themelio)

II. Concluding Words of Peter (vv. 12-14)