

<sup>1</sup>The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:<sup>2</sup>Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;<sup>3</sup>Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.<sup>4</sup>And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.<sup>5</sup>Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:<sup>7</sup>Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.<sup>8</sup>Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:<sup>9</sup>Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.<sup>10</sup>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.<sup>11</sup>To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.<sup>12</sup>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.<sup>13</sup>The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.<sup>14</sup>Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.