

## SERMON TEXT - 1 PETER 5:1-14

1 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. 13 She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. 14 Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

## THE GREAT SIN 1 PETER 5:1-14

*"The vice I am talking of is Pride or Self-Conceit: and the virtue opposite to it, in Christian morals, is called Humility...According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind.... The Christians are right: it is Pride which has been the chief cause of misery in every nation and every family since the world began... pride always means enmity - it is enmity. And not only enmity between man and man, but enmity to God.* **-C.S. Lewis in 'Mere Christianity'**

**Theme:** *The Christian life is to be clothed in humility towards God and one another.*

### #1 Humility Before Others

- A. The Humble Leader (v. 1-4)
- B. The Humble Follower (v. 5)

### #2 Humility Before God

- A. Throw Your Worry on God! (v. 6-7)
- B. Stay Awake! (v. 8-11)

### Other Passages and Quotes

**Mt. 23:5ff** 5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others... 6 and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues ... 11 The greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

**C.S. Lewis:** *If anyone would like to acquire humility, I can, I think tell him the first step. The first step is to realism that one is proud... nothing whatever can be done before it. If you think you are not conceited, it means you are very conceited indeed.*

**1 John 5:19** We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.