**1 Peter 4:12-5:14**

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. (4:13)

**Our duties in Christ (1:13-5:11)**

**In view of our persecution (4:12-5:11)**

**To rejoice and glorify God (4:12-17)**

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:**13**But **rejoice**, inasmuch as **ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings**; that, when **his glory shall be revealed**, ye may be **glad** also with exceeding joy.**14**If ye **be reproached for the name of Christ**, **happy** are ye; for the **spirit of glory** and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.**15**But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.**16**Yet **if any man suffer as a Christian**, let him **not be ashamed**; but let **him glorify God** on this behalf.**17**For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

**To trust in the will of God (4:18-19)**

And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 19Wherefore **let them that suffer according to the will of God** **commit the keeping of their souls to him** in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

**To fulfill our special roles (5:1-5)**

**The elders’ duties as shepherds (5:1-4)**

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:2**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;3Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but **being examples to the flock**.4And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

**The youngers’ duties as the flock (5:5)**

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.

**To humble ourselves before God (5:6-7)**

**Humble yourselves** therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:**7Casting all your care upon him**; for he careth for you.

**To resist the devil (5:8-9)**

Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil**, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**9**Whom **resist steadfast in the faith**, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

**Conclusion (5:10-14)**

**A prayer for God’s blessing (5:10-11)**

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.

**Final greetings and bestowal of peace (5:12-14)**

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.13The 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.

**Conclusion**

**Persecution will come**

**Be ready to live for Christ**

**Be ready to witness for Christ**

**Be ready to resist the devil**