



***4 <sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though something strange were happening to you; <sup>13</sup>but to the degree that you share the suffering of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that at the revelation of His glory you may also rejoice and be overjoyed.***

***14If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory, and of God, rests upon you. 15Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; 16but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.***

***17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?***

***18 AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?***

***19 Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God are to entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.***



***5 <sup>1</sup>Therefore, I urge elders among you, as your fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and one who is also a fellow partaker of the glory that is to be revealed: <sup>2</sup>shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not with greed but with eagerness;***

***<sup>3</sup>nor yet as domineering over those assigned to your care, but by proving to be examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.***



***<sup>5</sup>You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT HE GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.***



***<sup>6</sup>Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time,***

***<sup>7</sup>having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you. <sup>8</sup>Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.***

***<sup>9</sup>So resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brothers and sisters who are in the world. <sup>10</sup>After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.***



***12 Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it! 13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark. 14 Greet one another with a kiss of love.***

***Peace be to you all who are in Christ.***

