

# HOPE *Refined*

1 PETER 5:1-11

## HOPE FOR THE CHURCH

*How does the local church handle life when the heat is on?*

When the heat is on ...

*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: 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; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. vv. 1-4*

**The elders must \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*Likewise, you who are younger, be **subject** to the elders. v. 5a*

**The church must \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*Clothe yourselves, all of you, with **humility** toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the **humble**." **Humble** yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. vv. 5b-7*

**We all must wear \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **Resist** him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. vv. 8-9*

**We all must \_\_\_\_\_ the devil.**

*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**. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. vv. 10-11*

**We all must \_\_\_\_\_ God who rules forever.**

1. Read 1 Peter 5. How would the early Christians have received Peter's message of hope? How do we find similar encouragement today?

2. What role does humility play in our ultimate hope? How big a part does humility play in your daily interactions, especially with other believers?

3. What does it look like, in practical terms, to be sober-minded and watchful?

4. How do you see the devil seeking to devour you, and in what ways can you resist him with the help of the Holy Spirit?

5. What anxieties are you currently experiencing that you need to cast on Him?

6. What was your biggest takeaway from our study of 1 Peter? What aspects of hope have you applied to your life that will continue to bring to maturity your walk with God?

*"Peter closed on a positive note and reminded his readers that God knew what He was doing and was in complete control. No matter how difficult the fiery trial may become, a Christian always has hope. Peter gave several reasons for this hopeful attitude.*

*We have God's grace. Our salvation is because of His grace (1 Pet 1:10). He called us before we called on Him (1:2). We have 'tasted that the Lord is gracious' (2:3), so we are not afraid of anything that He purposes for us. His grace is 'manifold' (4:10) and meets every situation of life. As we submit to Him, He gives us the grace that we need. In fact, He is 'the God of all grace.'*

*We know we are going to glory. He has 'called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus.' This is the wonderful inheritance into which we were born (1:4).*

*Our present suffering is only for a while. Our various trials are only 'for a season' (1:6), but the glory that results is eternal.*

*We know that our trials are building Christian character. God has several tools that He uses to equip His people for life and service, and suffering is one of them. The Word of God is another tool (2 Tim 3:16-17, where 'thoroughly furnished' means 'fully equipped'). He also uses the fellowship and ministry of the church (Eph 4:11-16). Our Savior in heaven is perfecting His children so that they will do His will and His work (Heb 13:20-21)."*

*-Warren Wiersbe*

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

**TEXT "CCBCSHARE" TO 94090 FOR YOUR NEXT STEP.** If you've been focused on spiritual growth, your next step is to think about who God might be putting in your life to share your faith with or disciple. Text "CCBCShare" to 94090 and we'll send you a few ideas for getting started.

**CHRIST CHAPEL'S ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING IS TODAY AT 1 P.M.** If you are a constitutional member of Christ Chapel and would like to hear a yearly update on all things CCBC, join our leadership at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary on the Fort Worth Campus. In addition, voting for this year's Elders and Deacons closes at 12:30 p.m. today. If you haven't already voted, please check your email for a link to the ballot.

**JOIN US FOR A ZOOM PRAYER NIGHT TOMORROW, AUG. 31 AT 8 P.M.** There's a lot happening in the world and there's a lot on all of our hearts and minds. Take an hour tomorrow night and join Internet Campus Pastor Owen Engstrom for prayer and time with the Christ Chapel family. You can get the link for the Zoom call on Monday at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**LEAD A HOME GROUP THIS FALL!** We're launching new home groups to meet online and in person next month, and they all need leaders. You don't have to have all the right answers or years of experience to lead — if you care about other people knowing Jesus better, we'll equip you with everything else. Email Hannah at [HannahS@christchapelbc.org](mailto:HannahS@christchapelbc.org) to sign up.

### DO YOUR KIDS LOVE MUSIC? ENROLL THEM IN MUSIKGARTEN FOR THE FALL.

Kids love music and, better yet, music can help young children grow and develop in a fun and interactive way. This fall we're offering Musikgarten classes for ages 0 to 4 online starting the week of Sept. 14. Visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/musikgarten](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/musikgarten) to learn more and register for a class.

### GUYS, BE A PART OF BAND OF BROTHERS IN SEPTEMBER.

"Love Divine," Band of Brother's big fall study, is a deep dive into the Gospel of John and an up-close look at what Jesus is really like as both God and man. Each week of the study will be streamed online and you'll have the option of meeting with a small group of guys online or in person. Learn more about the study and how you can be a part of it at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

### LADIES, WOMEN IN THE WORD IS TRYING SOMETHING NEW THIS FALL.

That's right—you can gather with friends in a Women in the Word group either online or in your small group leader's home starting the week of Sept. 9! Their fall study is called "The Good Land: Possessing the Promise" and is based in the book of Joshua. It's a story of victory and one that will encourage you to walk with God in this unpredictable season. Sign up at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**BONUS ACTIVITY:** Since *hope* is Peter's overarching theme in this letter, take time to consider what it means to share hope with someone. Then think about ways you can be a hope giver to another. Perhaps you know someone who's hungry for encouragement. Make a plan for providing hope to that person in the coming weeks. This could include email, a letter, taking the person to lunch, and praying with him or her.

