



PETER

I Peter

**I Peter (ch. 1:1-12):
The Believer's Salvation**

**1 Peter (ch. 1:13 - 2:12):
The Believer's Sanctification**

**1 Peter (ch. 2:13 - 3:12):
The Believer's Submission**

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The Believer's Suffering**

**1 Peter (ch. 5):
The Believer's Shepherding**

Apostle for the Whole Church

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The Believer's Shepherding (I Peter 5:1-14)

- **Shepherds (pastors / elders) are men that are called by God and gifted to lead, protect, feed, and oversee the church (the flock of God).**
- **Additionally, shepherds would help the flock to understand salvation, sanctification, submission, and suffering — topics to which Peter addresses.**

The Pastoral Office

The Bible uses 3 different terms to describe the various requirements & responsibilities of the Pastor. 3 terms, but one office:

1. pastor / shepherd
2. elder
3. overseer / bishop

“Elders” is used in the plural in almost every scriptural reference.

The Pastoral Office

Elder (*presbuteros*): A fully mature man both spiritually and age (wisdom acquired by study and life experience). Due to the requirements, responsibilities, and the calling of God, the term *Elder* represents respect and high esteem for the office (see I Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-7).

The Pastoral Office

If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well . . .

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having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil (1 Tim. 3:1-7).

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Pastor or Shepherd (*poimen*):

The primary responsibilities of pastors or shepherds are to protect and feed the flock. (protection from doctrinal error and false teachers; feeding the whole counsel of God's Word). Other pastoral responsibilities include guiding and praying for the sheep. (see Acts 20:27-29).

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For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God (feeding). Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd (protect, pray for, and guide) *the church* of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock (Acts 20:27-29).

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Overseer / Bishop (*episkopos*):

Addresses the administrative functions and responsibilities of the pastor. This may be reflected in overall church direction, stewardship, and ministry guidance. Even to the extent of assuring that all legal, financial, insurance, and civil ordinances are in line.

The Pastor Office

Remember your *leaders*, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Obey your *leaders*, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you (Heb. 13:7, 17).

The Pastor Office

Pastors are to serve to flock of God (v. 2-3):

- **willingly**
- **eagerly**
- **as examples to the flock**
- **not by compulsion (they desire; are called)**
- **not for dishonest gain**
- **not lording over the sheep (strong leadership, not dictatorship)**

Crowns

- **Crown Imperishable (1 Cor. 9:25)**
Those mastering the old man (sin nature)
- **Crown of Rejoicing (1 Thess. 2:19)**
Those leading others to Christ
- **Crown of Life (James 1:12)**
Those enduring trials & temptations
- **Crown of Righteousness (2 Tim. 4:8)**
Those lovingly anticipating Christ's return
- **Crown of Glory (1 Peter 5:4)**
Those faithfully shepherding God's people

Satan – the enemy

Satan is not:

- omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent
- eternal, holy, creator

Satan is:

- defeated, a liar, deceiver, accuser, tempter
- a powerful angel who rebelled
- Lucifer
- leader of the fallen angels (demons)
- going to spend eternity in the *Lake of Fire*
unbelievers (Rev. 20:10; Matt. 25:41)



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