

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

INTRODUCTION

A. Outline of 1 Peter

1. Greeting (1:1-2)
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 - 1) To elders (5:1-4)
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 - a. An exhortation (5:12)
 - b. Greetings (5:13-14a)
 - c. A blessing (5:14b)

B. Review of 1 Peter 5:1-11

1. Thomas Constable, *To summarize, Peter exhorted the church elders to shepherd those under their care. He exhorted younger Christians to submit to their older brethren. He exhorted all to stand firm against Satan armed with an attitude of submission to God and to one another.*
2. Charles Swindoll, *Always remember that suffering is temporary, but God's rewards are eternal. Paul expresses our hope with eloquence: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Rom. 8:18).*

C. Introductory comments on 1 Peter 5:12-14

1. Thomas Constable, *Peter concluded this epistle with a final exhortation and greetings from those with him and himself to encourage his readers further.*
2. Peter Davids, *The letter is finished. What remains is for our author to add the appropriate conclusion and greetings, which he does in three brief verses.*

1 PETER 5:12-14, CONCLUSION

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- A. An exhortation (5:12), *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.*
- B. Greetings (5:13-14a), *She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. Greet one another with the kiss of love.*
- C. A blessing (5:14b), *Peace to all of you who are in Christ.*