NOVEMBER 13, 2016 SERMON NOTES
Suffering and Glory
I Peter 5:1-11

I. The Responsibilities of the Church in the Midst of Trials (5:1-11)

  A. Suffering brings glory to God (4:12-19).

   1. When we suffer for Christ we are _____ (4:12-14).

   2. We are to entrust _____ to God, our Father and Creator.

  B. Church Elders are to shepherd the body of Christ: the Church (5:1-4).

¹ Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, ² shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; ³ nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

   1. The elders are the _____ of the church.

   2. The elders are to _____ the church.

   3. The elders are to be _____ of the Word of God.

   4. The elders are to care for the church with all _____.

   5. The elders are to _____ what it means to be a Christian.

  C. What does God expect of the members of the church?

⁵ You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. ⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷ casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. ⁸ Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

   1. We are to live in _____ (5:5).

   2. We are to put our complete _____ (5:7).

   3. We are to always be on the alert _____ (5:8).