

A world map in dark red and black tones is overlaid on a grid of thin, light-colored lines. The map is centered on the Atlantic Ocean. The text is superimposed on the map.

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1 Peter 5:8-14

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8 Be sober! Be on the alert! Your adversary the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour.

9 Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are being experienced by your brothers in the world.

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10 Now the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will personally restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little.

11 To Him be the dominion forever.

Amen.

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¹² Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Take your stand in it!

¹³ She who is in Babylon, also chosen, sends you greetings, as does Mark, my son.

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14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.



1. The Hindrance

⁸ Be sober! Be on the alert! Your adversary the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion.

The devil is our "adversary" (*antidikos*).

The Greek word means a legal opponent such as an opponent in a lawsuit.

The picture is that of the devil opposing us in every conceivable way.

2. The Challenge

⁹ Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are being experienced ...

The Christian response to satanic opposition is not panic or flight but firm resistance in faith.

Not challenge, but resist his temptations.

3. The Promise

10...Christ Jesus, will personally restore, establish, strengthen, and support...

Restore (*katartisei*) means make complete or put in order.

Establish (*stērixei*) means strengthen one so he can stand fast in persecution.

Strengthen (*sthenōsei*) to reenforce to give protection.

Support (*themeliōsei*) is to put on a firm foundation.

4. The Encouragement

12...I have written briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God.

Peter ran the race of life and finished.

A great cloud of witness has run the race and finished (Heb 12:1-2).

We who know the Lord will also finish the race, by God's grace.

How do we accomplish His mission and purpose?

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**We can overcome the enemy.
We hold on to God's promises.
We encourage one another.**

**We stand unified for the
Mission of Jesus.**