

Where there's
CHRIST
There's **HOPE**



Casting Your Cares Upon The Lord

1 Peter 5:5-7

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Matthew 16:13–20, NASB95 -¹⁸...upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. ¹⁹ "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven...."

- A. Christ builds the church.
- B. Christ owns the church.
- C. Christ protects the church.
- D. Christ empowers the church.

The church represents the highest priority on God's agenda and it is His blueprint for completing His plan on the earth. We have embarked upon an endeavor that has God's highest endorsement—*The Church is His Bride*.

STUDY SECTION

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 5:6–7, NASB95 -⁶ Therefore humble [meaning to be reduced in rank or status—to have a proper estimate of him/herself in relation to God and to others] yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷ casting [lit., to throw off with vigor by an act of the will] all [every single one] your anxiety [the things that worry you; depending on the ending, it can be translated as discontentment, discouragement, despair, questioning, pain, suffering, and whatever other trials you face] on Him [Mighty God—the Bridegroom], because He cares [lit., values] for _____.

1. A desired attitude is needed.

1 Peter 5:6, NLT -⁶ So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.

2. A definite action is prescribed.

1 Peter 5:7, NASB95 -⁷ casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

3. A deliberate release is required.

1 Peter 5:7, NLT -⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

4. A Divine destination is given.

1 Peter 5:7, NASB95 -⁷ casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

5. A delightful reason is cherished.

1 Peter 5:7, NASB95 -⁷ casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

- A. Let's pray for humility.
- B. Let's pray for discernment so we can know when "anxiety" slips in.
- C. Let's pray and give ALL our anxiety to God.
- D. Let's pray and thank God that He does care.

So, humble yourselves under God's strong hand, and in His own time, He will lift you up. You can throw the whole weight of your anxieties upon Him, for you are His personal concern.