

# Take 5! : Perfected by Mary Kane



Please take 5 minutes and go before God in prayer. Confess to Him any sin and ask Him to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Please read 1 Peter 5:6-10.

**What does God ask us to do in verse 6?**

In the original Greek, the word *humble* transliterates as *tapeinoo*, which means “to make low, to bring down one’s pride, to confess one’s spiritual littleness and need for God, to submit one’s self to the power and will of God.”

**What is a sign that we have humbled ourselves to God (verse 7)?**

When we have truly humbled ourselves before God, peace will result. We will no longer strive and labor to solve our own problems according to our will ( we are **perfected** by peace). Having cast our cares upon God, we will wait in peace for Him to act on our behalf.

**According to verse 8, we are to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

The word *sober* means to be calm and collected. *Vigilant* means to be watchful. Once we have cast our cares upon God, it is possible to calmly shift our attention to carefully watch for the attacks of Satan.

**How are we to combat the attacks of the evil one (verse 9)?**

We are to resist him by standing resolutely by faith; not faith in our *faith*, but faith in our *Savior* (we are ***perfected*** by faith). One of the best ways to resist Satan is the Word of God. Satan speaks lies, we speak truths.

**If we stand fast, steadfast in the faith, what will be the final outcome (verse 10)?**

God will use the suffering to perfect us in Christ Jesus. Suffering doesn't destroy our faith, God uses it to perfect our faith. As we struggle and persevere, we are ***perfected***. To God be the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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