

1 Peter 2:18-25

The Christian Life: Submission to God in all
Things Part 2

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The Difference in Institutions

Submission

Institution

2:13-17	Government (from God)
2:18-25	Slavery (from man)
3:1-6	Marriage (from God)

- God desires to change people not through political revolution, but by transforming them through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ways To Become A Slave:

1. Captured in wars
2. Kidnapped
3. Born into a slave house
4. Economic: Sold themselves to survive

Slave Life Varied:

1. Some were mistreated
2. Some were educated and treated very well
3. Greco-Roman world allowed manumission

- Banning slavery would have left thousands destitute and unable to survive.
 - God did view slave-traders as evil!
- 1 Timothy 1:9-10 "...realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers..." (cf. Rev. 18:13)

1 Peter 2:18-20 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. For this *finds favor*, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds favor* with God.

Christ: Our Example Of Righteous Suffering

1 Peter 2:21-23 For you have been called for this purpose, since **Christ also suffered for you**, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures...

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Romans 5:6, 8 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

1 Peter 2:24-25 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

1. We must submit to God in all things knowing that even our suffering is purposeful and temporary!

2. Jesus' substitutionary death not only provides us with forgiveness of sins, but it also empowers us to live righteous lives.

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1 Peter 1:6-7 In this you rejoice (salvation), though now **for a little while**, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:20b, But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds favor with God*.

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1 Peter 3:14a But even if you should suffer for righteousness sake, you will be blessed.

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with Him for a thousand years.

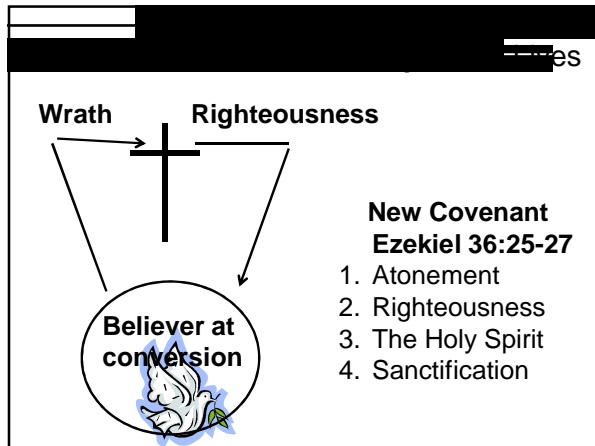
Revelation 21:3c-4 ...and He (God) will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.

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Hebrews 5:8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

Ephesians 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself...

1 Peter 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps...



Ephesians 1:13 In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation **through sanctification** by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

Galatians 5:16,19-20 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh...Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these...

Colossians 3:5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body dead to immorality...
