



AN EXAMPLE OF SUBMISSION

1 Peter 2:18-25

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Good morning Church! Submission to others, or “being subject” as stated in verse 18, depending on the roles to which we are called in life, is part of our relationships with each other. Brothers and Sisters in Christ are called to live well by giving each type of relationship its due honor. Whether we are neighbors, friends, enemies, employees, wives and husbands, we can respect that which God has instituted. Peter teaches us how we can live as Christians that honor the Lord in all kinds of relationships, so let’s look at the social structure of these verses.

1 Peter 2:18-25

*“Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. **19** For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. **20** For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. **21** For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. **22** He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. **23** When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. **24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. **25** For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”*

1. God’s GRACE and FAVOR is Given to Those Who Faithfully SERVES and SUBMITS. (v 18-20)

*“Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ” **Ephesians 6:5***

*“Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord.” **Colossians 3:22***

- Suffer for doing GOOD, not EVIL.
- Gentle CONFRONTATIONS & timely CONVERSATIONS are necessary for healthy relationships with others.

2. Jesus Christ Is Our EXAMPLE to Endure SUFFERING and Practice PATIENCE. (v 21-23)

*“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, **3** for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. **4** And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” James 1:2-4*

- CHRIST suffered as a PATTERN for us.

3. The RESULT of Jesus' DEATH is For Believers to LIVE a New LIFE. (v 24-25)

- CHRIST suffered as a SUBSTITUTE for us.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*