

Section 10 - 1 Peter 2:18-25

18 Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. 19 For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

22 “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” 25 For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- (v 18) Who are slaves to submit to? How can we relate to this passage if we are not slaves?
 - (v 19) What does Peter say is commendable here? What does it mean to be conscious of God in the midst of suffering?
 - (v 20) Peter mentions “credit” and being “commendable” here in verse 20. What is Peter emphasizing? Can Christians suffer for being jerks?
 - (v 21) What were Christians called to do?
 - (vs 21-23) Christ set believers an example on the cross. Name the ways he set his followers an example in suffering.
 - (v 24) Why did Jesus bear our sins on the cross? How were we healed from sin?
 - (v 25) What does it mean that God is the shepherd and overseer of our souls?
 - What is something from our passage you are challenged to ponder further this week?
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