

## Unjust Suffering

I Peter 2:18-21

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Submission and unjust suffering often go hand in hand. What God says about submission and unjust suffering is not something our flesh wants to hear. But if you will listen, hear and absorb what God has to say, it is liberating truth.

1. A. We have already learned the true freedom is to become a bond-slave of God and that a bond-slave of God is to submit to governmental authority and that submission to human authority is ultimately submission to God. Now read our text in context, I Peter 2:13-25. What do you observe about submission in these verses?
  - B. Why are we to submit and what are the results of this submission?  
I Peter 2:18-21
  - C. What was the key to Christ's submission and what affect does that have on our lives?
  
2. A. What is the command in I Peter 2:18?
  - B. Why does this make us nervous? What can we say for sure about all that seems to us to be unjust suffering?  
I Peter 1:6-9, 2:18-19, 23, Hebrews 11:1, 6
  - C. How are we to be in submission? What will it look like?  
I Peter 2:18-19, Ephesians 6:5-8, Colossians 3:22-24

3. A. Unjust suffering. It is very real. What do you observe in I Peter 2:20 concerning this issue of unjust suffering?

B. How are we able unjustly suffer?  
I Peter 2:15, 21-25

C. Read the bookends of verses 19 and 20. Look at some other places that this word favor (grace) is used and explain what it means.  
John 1:14, 17, Romans 5:15-17