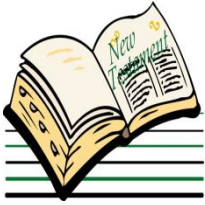


## Sermon Notes



**Title:** *What Christian Submission Looks Like in Hard Situations*

**Text:** I Peter 2:18-25

**Theme:** Christian submission looks like Christ. He submitted to the indignities and sufferings of this life with strength. And we are called to do the same. Christ grants extraordinary power and grace to those who look to Him for strength and endure in order to bring glory to their Savior.

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christian

\_\_\_\_\_ (18-20)

II. The Example of \_\_\_\_\_ Is the

\_\_\_\_\_ (21-25)

### III. Applications

- A. Only in \_\_\_\_\_ do you realize that the power of service and suffering \_\_\_\_\_ over the power of harsh, cruel, or arbitrary rule.
- B. Scripture does give indication that there are times when a situation is so \_\_\_\_\_ that a person in subjection has very little or no choice but to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ himself/herself from the tyranny.
- C. Christ your Lord calls you to see your subjection to a difficult and hard person as a gracious \_\_\_\_\_ that is \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of God.

**Next Week Read: I Peter 3:1-7**

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. Whom does Peter address in this passage (v. 18a)?
2. What does the Apostle command this group to do (v. 18a)?
3. What kind of person in charge does Peter include in this command (v. 18b)?
4. What kinds of ideas are involved in the word "unjust" (v. 18)?
5. What does Peter say is a "gracious thing" (v. 19)?
6. What is commendable in the sight of God (v. 20)?
7. What is the supreme example of suffering Peter uses to support his point (vv. 21-25)?
8. What is the Christian's calling (v. 21)?
9. How do we know that Jesus suffered unjustly (v. 22)?
10. How did Jesus act when He suffered unjustly (v. 23)?
11. What great benefit does Jesus' suffering do for us (v. 24)?
12. What was the condition of Christians before coming to Christ (v. 25a)? How is Christ Jesus described now that Christians have returned to Him (v. 25b)?
13. Is this a difficult passage for you to process? Why or why not?
14. What is the social background from which Peter issues his instruction by the inspiration of the Spirit?
15. How does suffering triumph over the unjust and harsh oppressor?
16. Is there a limit as to how much unjust treatment one should endure? If so, what might determine such a limit?
17. How can this passage apply to Christians who are not domestic servants?
18. When have you had to endure harsh treatment from someone in charge? How did you handle it? What might you have done differently?
19. Why does Jesus, as our loving and gracious Shepherd, lead us into situations where we endure harshness and cruelty from those that should be caring for us?
20. What Biblical examples can you think of in which great benefits came as a result of enduring unjust treatment?