

# **Knowing Christ**

*A Study of 1 Peter*

## **Submitting in Hope**

**Lesson 17**

**1 Peter 2:13-3:12**

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# 1 Peter

“I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.” 1 Peter 5:12

- ▶ God is working in His people to bring them to the living hope in Christ
- ▶ Living hope – Resurrected to reign with Christ in the New Heaven and Earth
- ▶ A surprising element of the true grace of God – suffering in this lifetime
- ▶ It is a necessary part (1:6)
- ▶ Aliens and strangers in our Father’s world
- ▶ Firmly focused on our living hope – not distracted by the good or bad in this world

# 1 Peter

standing firm in the true grace of God

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| salvation 2:12   | 2:13 submission 3:12   | 3:13 suffering   | service   |   |
| <p>1-2 <u>salutation</u></p> <p>3-13 <u>salvation</u><br/>                     the Father of Jesus Christ<br/>                     the new birth<br/>                     the preserved inheritance<br/>                     the protected heir<br/>                     the prophetic search</p> <p>14-25 <u>sanctification</u><br/>                     the fixed future hope<br/>                     the present pursuit of holiness<br/>                     born again to love one another</p> <p>2:1-12 born again to grow<br/>                     into a spiritual house<br/>                     as the people of God<br/>                     and as aliens and strangers</p> | <p>2:13-3:7 <u>called to submit</u><br/>                     · 13-17 in government<br/>                     · 18-20 in work<br/>                     · 21-25 <u>submit like Christ</u><br/>                     no sin, no threats,<br/>                     entrusting Himself to<br/>                     the righteous judge</p> <p>· 3:1-7 in marriage</p> <p>3:8-12 <u>called to blessing</u><br/>                     live before the Lord<br/>                     Psalm 32:12-16</p> | <p>3:13-17 <u>the way of suffering</u><br/>                     · for righteousness sake<br/>                     · sanctifying Christ as Lord<br/>                     · ready to make a defense<br/>                     · with a good conscience</p> <p>3:18-22 <u>Christ the atonement</u><br/>                     · He died for our sins to bring us<br/>                     to God with a good conscience</p> <p>4:1-19 <u>counsel for suffering</u><br/>                     · 1-6 arm yourselves to suffer<br/>                     · 7-11 wisdom and prayer<br/>                     love &amp; serve one another<br/>                     · 12-19 no surprise at fiery trials<br/>                     entrust your souls to<br/>                     a faithful Creator</p> | <p>1-5 <u>the way of service</u><br/>                     · shepherd the flock<br/>                     · submit to the elders</p> <p>6-11 <u>the final words</u><br/>                     · humble to exalt<br/>                     · cast your anxiety<br/>                     · be alert for the devil<br/>                     · resist firm in faith<br/>                     · after suffering the<br/>                     God of grace will<br/>                     establish you</p> <p>12-14 <u>this is the<br/>                     true grace of God</u><br/>                     · <u>stand firm in it!</u></p> |   |

# Salvation (1:1-2:12)

- ▶ Born again by the will of God to a living hope (1:1b-5)
- ▶ Necessary suffering as proof that our faith is genuine (1:6-7)
- ▶ Stand firm with our hope fixed completely on the grace to be brought to us (1:13)
  - Be holy – separated to God (1:14-16)
  - Conduct yourself in fear (1:17-21)
  - Love the brethren (1:22-25)
  - Desire the spiritual nourishment of the Word (2:1-3)
- ▶ We are God's building project (2:4-10)
- ▶ Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles (2:11-12)

# Submitting in Hope (2:13-3:12)

- ▶ The role of submission in the Christian life essential to suffering
- ▶ The life of Christ is essential to understanding submission and suffering
- ▶ The blessing of submission
- ▶ Outline:
  - Submission to human institutions (2:13-17)
  - Submission to masters (2:18-20)
  - Christ's example of submission (2:21-25)
  - Submission in marriage (3:1-7)
  - Called to inherit a blessing (3:8-12)

# Submit to Human Creations (2:13-17)

- ▶ Human creations – government (Mark 16:15; Rom 1:25; Col 1:23)
- ▶ Authority from God (Rom 13:1-5) – “one in authority (2:13)
- ▶ Civil order (2:14)
- ▶ Biblical duty: Joseph, David, Daniel, Jesus (Luke 20:22-25; John 19:11-12)
- ▶ Not absolute (Acts 4:18-21, 29)
- ▶ Civil obedience = Divine obedience
  - The will of God
  - Freedom among men but bondslaves of God
  - Do not abuse freedom as a cover for evil
- ▶ Loyalties: Honor all people; love the brotherhood; fear God; honor the king

# Submit to Masters (2:18-20)

- ▶ A Biblical mandate (Eph 6:5–9; Col 3:22–25; 1 Tim 6:1–2; Titus 2:9–10; Philemon)
- ▶ Impartial obedience – not based on character of master
- ▶ For the sake of conscience toward God – pleasing God
- ▶ This is grace – the proof of our faith

# Christ's Submission (2:21-25)

- ▶ Called for this purpose . . . to follow in Christ's steps
- ▶ Sinless and harmless before all men
- ▶ Entrusted Himself to the Father who judges righteously
  - The just shall live by faith (Hab 2:4; Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38)
  - Humbled Himself – took the form of a bondservant in the likeness of man (Phil 2:7-8)
  - Learned obedience through suffering (Heb 5:8-9)
  - Perfected through suffering (Heb 2:10, 17; 5:9)
- ▶ Died a sacrifice for sin (Rom 6:23; Isa 53:6)
- ▶ We share in His non-redemptive suffering (Rom 8:17; 1 Cor 1:5; Col 1:24)
- ▶ The Shepherd and Guardian of our souls is our pattern for life (1 Peter 2: 21; 4:1)



# Submitting in Marriage (3:1-6)

- ▶ “In the same way . . .” – the calling of God and the example of Christ
- ▶ Impartial submission – the believer or the unbeliever
- ▶ Motive: may grace and peace be theirs in fullest measure (1:2)
- ▶ Method:
  - Without a word
  - Adornment of the hidden person of the heart – imperishable and precious
  - Doing what is right without fear
- ▶ The example of Sarah – a holy woman – called Abraham, “lord”
- ▶ The example of Christ (Heb 12:2) – “for the joy set before Him . . .”

# Submitting in Marriage (3:7)

- ▶ The husbands
- ▶ “In the same way . . .” – the calling of God and the example of Christ
- ▶ “Live according to knowledge as weaker the feminine vessel”
- ▶ “Render honor as joint heirs also of the grace of life”
- ▶ “So your prayers will not be hindered”
- ▶ Focus upon the manner of ministry to the wife
  - With knowledge
  - Honor as joint heirs
  - Personal relationship with God through Christ

# Inherit a Blessing (3:8-12)

- ▶ The character of Christ (3:8)
- ▶ Blessing your enemies (3:9)
- ▶ Life and peace through holiness (3:10-12; Psalm 34:12-16)
  - Righteous speech
  - Turn from evil and do good
  - Seek peace and pursue it
  - Live in the presence of the Savior