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 (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)
- 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