



# Unjust Suffering

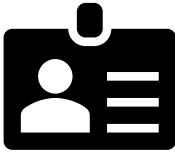
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## “1 Peter – Submit like our Savior”

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**INTRO:** If we are in Christ, we have a New IDENTITY “ID” which give us certain Rights & Callings:



- Eternal Inheritance – imperishable, undefiled, and unfading (1 Pet 1:3-4)
- Inner Joy & Love (1 Pet 1:8)
- Living Stones – Spiritual House (God (1 Pet 2:5)
- Chosen Race, Royal Priesthood, Holy Nation, His Possession (1 Pet 2:9)
- Sojourners and Exiles – This is Not our Home (1 Pet 2:11)
- Called to Live Honorably & Do Good to Unbelievers (1 Pet 2:12)

### Be Subject “for the Lord’s Sake”:

**1 Peter 2:13 (Citizens -> Human Institution) ...2:18 (Servants -> Masters) ...3:1 (Wives -> Husbands)**  
***‘hypotassō’ (Gk) – “to submit willingly, be subject to, to arrange oneself under”***

**1 Peter 2:13-17** Be subject for the Lord's sake to every **human institution**, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,<sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.<sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.<sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.<sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

**God has established 3 primary institutions for common good ( \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ )**

**Romans 13:1-2** Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.<sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

**Philippians 3:20** But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

**Ephesians 1:21** far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

**Colossians 1:16** For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

***Not Blind Obedience, We first answer to God (The way of the Exile – Video)***

*When we sinfully rebel against earthly authorities, we unwittingly testify that our hope is in earthly things. Ironically enough, however, when we cling to Christ's sovereign lordship and eternal riches, we are free to submit to civil authorities, demonstrating that our hearts are not tuned to the world and its passing riches. **Baptist Ministerial Seminary Commentary** "Verse of the Day"*

**1 Peter 2:18-20** Servants, be subject **to your masters** with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup> For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

- Unjust Suffering Examples – Joseph, Job, David, Daniel....But none like Jesus!

*The deepest things that I have learned in my own life have come from the deepest suffering. And out of the deepest waters and the hottest fires have come the deepest things that I know about God. – Elisabeth Elliot, **A Path Through Suffering**, page 12*

## **The Perfect Example – Our Suffering Servant**

**1 Peter 2:21-25** <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

***Fulfilled the Prophecy – Isaiah 53 (written 750yrs before Christ)***

*God is not silent. He has not left us alone to wrestle with the pain and suffering of life. Instead, He came alongside us, experiencing every human experience, including suffering, in the person of Jesus.”*  
– **Philip Yancey, *Where Is God When It Hurts?*, page 67**

*“Suffering is unbearable if you aren't certain that God is for you and with you.”– **Timothy Keller, *Walking with God Through Pain and Suffering*, page 10***

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