

ACCEPTABLE SUFFERING

I PETER 2:18-21

Introduction:

- A. There were some who were household servants.
 - 1. Two classes of people.
 - 2. The very rich and the very poor.

- B. They seemed to have some resentment toward their master.
 - 1. This is difficult for us to see.
 - 2. Were house - companions, one living in the same house, domestics.

I. "SERVANTS, BE SUBJECT TO YOUR MASTERS, WITH ALL FEAR."

- A. "be subject to your masters."
 - 1. Subject = in submission.
 - 2. Masters = implies absolute dominion.

- B. "with all fear"
 - 1. With the utmost respect.
 - 2. All due reverence.

II. "NOT EVERY BOSS IS A GOOD BOSS."

- A. "the good and the gentle."
 - 1. "Kind and thoughtful."

- B. "but also to the froward."
 - 1. froward = crooked, not straight forward.
 - 2. Overbearing, cruel.

III. THIS IS NOT A CHRISTIAN TO CHRISTIAN BUT CHRISTIAN TO UNBELIEVER RELATIONSHIP.

- A. Suffering patiently is to catch the unbelievers attention, subjection, 13,18, 3:1.

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1. V. 12.
2. V. 15.
3. Servant and master = saved. Eph. 6:5-9.
4. I Tim. 6:1-2.

B. The believers have a different command.

1. Luke 17:1-5.
2. Matt 18:15-17.
 - a. to tell others that someone has wronged you before you tell the one involved is a sin.

IV. THE KIND OF SUFFERING GOD ACCEPTS. V19.

A. "thankworthy" = for this wins God's approval.

1. Conscience toward God.
2. A knowledge that God cares.

B. Endure grief = endures a wrong.

1. Suffering wrongfully = suffers unjustly.

V. DON'T CRY IF YOU GOT WHAT WAS COMING TO YOU. V20

A. "buffeted for your faults." = "and are beaten."

1. "ye shall take it patiently."
2. buffet = to strike with closed hand.

B. "ye do well"

1. "take it patiently."
2. "this is acceptable to God."

VI. JESUS LEFT US AN EXAMPLE. V21

A. The relationship of Jesus to His disciples was different from His crucifiers.