



LESSON FOUR:

The Submission of a Christian

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Text: I Peter 2:13-25

Introduction: We are currently studying through the book of I Peter. His theme is the encouragement of Christians in suffering. Rome was just starting to persecute the Christians, and Peter in his wisdom chose to prepare them for this spiritual battle. He wants to address some spiritual issues, provide an explanation for the “fiery trial” (**I Peter 4:12**), and lift up the community of believers. Peter views the suffering of Christians through the agonies of Jesus, and recognizes the divine purpose of Christian suffering in light of the atonement of Christ. I believe he wanted Christians to establish an unstoppable faith. Specifically, we will be looking at the submission of a Christian in our lesson today. Let's study together

Discussion:

I. Submit to Your Government (2:13-17)

- A. Christians yield to those in lower authority.
- B. Christians yield to those in higher authority.
- C. Christians yield to oppressive leaders.
- D. Christians yield to a Christ-like example.

II. Submit to Your Employer (2:18-21)

- A. Christians yield to their boss.
- B. Christians yield to their God.
- C. Christians yield in spite of suffering.
- D. Christians do not yield to sin.

III. Submit to Your God (2:22-25)

- A. Christians will be insulted.
- B. Christians will suffer.
- C. Christians are healed by Christ's wounds.
- D. Christians are led and protected.

Conclusion: Every Christian should have an unstoppable faith. You can run us over. You can hurt us. You can even kill us. But, you will NOT stop us. We are Jesus strong! We are filled with the Spirit of God! And, we have a hope that will keep us motivated to move forward. How's your faith? Have you committed your life to Christ?

WORD OF THE DAY = "SUBMISSION"