

## Week 4, 1 Peter 2:13-25

This section of is very similar to another passage that we studied recently in Ephesians. (Eph 6:1-9)

The fact that these particular \_\_\_\_\_ are being repeated again now by Peter means that this **specific concept** is very \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

This concept is not strictly about **governing authority, workers, employees & slaves...** It is actually about a very \_\_\_\_\_ principle that should \_\_\_\_\_ the life believer.

**This concept is; Submission unto the will of God.**

**The theme of the Bible in one sentence;**

Mankind must **submit** to what God has said by having come to **faith** in what God has said.

God's goal is that mankind would **trust** in His **word** and His **goodness** in order that they might **submit** to His will, desire & design.

**Therefore one of the main themes of the Bible is;**

The need for humanity to willfully and \_\_\_\_\_ submit to God's instruction, that is; to \_\_\_\_\_ design and will.

In this life, God has \_\_\_\_\_ a structure and \_\_\_\_\_. He has ordained certain roles and positions. God has ordained that when humanity is following his instruction and design for these roles; it will be better for humanity and it will reward in all of eternity.

Our capacity to submit to God \_\_\_\_\_ on our willingness to believe that His \_\_\_\_\_ is for our good & in our best interest.

Our capacity to submit to God's design \_\_\_\_\_ on our willingness to believe that God will \_\_\_\_\_ those who submit to his design, will & instruction.

God has an order for **husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, children, work, employers, employees, money, sex, alcohol, food, clothing...**

Here in **1 Peter 2:13-25**, Peter is giving us a bit of insight into God's order for **governing authority** & His order for **slaves - employees**. However, there is a much bigger point that Peter is trying to make, and he is using the examples of governing powers, employees & slaves to illustrate the point.

**1 Peter 2:21** First, Peter says that Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ for all believers. And all believers should have the same \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

In eternity past, God determined a \_\_\_\_\_ for the impending \_\_\_\_\_ of mankind. In his infinite wisdom God \_\_\_\_\_ that His Son, would need to come to earth in the form of a human, to then to suffer and die in a specific way in order to \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of humanity's sin.

**The plan to save mankind through the death of God's Son and to adopt fallen, yet redeemed people, into the family of God was a plan existing in the mind of God in eternity past.**

**This idea is mentioned in the Bible many different times, see Rev 3:18 & Eph 1:4-5**

Our point for today is that God had a **plan**, a **will**, a **design** for salvation and within that design, Christ was to \_\_\_\_\_ greatly... and Christ willfully, even gladly, \_\_\_\_\_ to that design.

Peter says that God's design was for Christ to suffer. That is; God's role for Christ, or Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_ for redemption was to suffer greatly.

**How could Jesus submit to and obey such a painful plan?**

Could it be that Jesus, like Moses, believed that there was more reward & more joy to be found in submitting to God than there is in anything else in all the world? (See Hebrews 11:24-26)

**Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross... (Heb 12:2)**

**What reward was there for Christ? What joy was set before him? Isa 53:11, Phil 2:9**

He was rewarded with the satisfaction of having accomplished the righteous standing of countless sinners & rewarded with the honor of God and was given the name above all names.

**1 Peter 2:22-23** Peter says that Jesus didn't try to \_\_\_\_\_ himself or free himself, rather he \_\_\_\_\_ himself to God, who judges/rewards fairly.

**Peter's conclusion is clear... We must \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.**

**At the core of what it means to follow the example of Christ is a glad \_\_\_\_\_ to submit to God's design in all things, even in great hardship, because we know He \_\_\_\_\_ reward us in the end.**

**In seasons of great hardship, there is still great reward for the husband who loves his unloving wife, for the wife who respects her unrespectable husband & for the employee who works hard for his hard boss, as one who is working unto his heavenly boss**

**If we put all these things together we get a very clear picture of what biblical faith is.**

**Heb 11:24-26, 11:6** Faith is believing in God and in what God has promised to do and believing that what God has promised to do for the believer is of great reward; greater than any other reward.

**The faith that 'pleases God' is the faith that says "I believe God and I believe that submitting to what he wants is absolutely the most rewarding thing that I could ever do... even if it means suffering unto death on a cross... working hard for my difficult boss, loving my unloving wife, respecting my unrespectable husband. I believe that he rewards everything done in submission to his will and design... and I am entrusting the ultimate outcome of these situations to God, who will right all wrong and will reward all good"**