

before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. <sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? <sup>9</sup> And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, **my servant**, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**Christ's Example** of Enduring Sorrows while Suffering Unjustly

- How He Responded to His Tormentors (vv. 22-23a)

'He committed no sin...'

'...neither was deceit found in his mouth...'

'...when he was reviled, he did not revile in return...'

'...when he suffered, he did not threaten...'

- How He Responded to His Father (v. 23b)

'...but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly...'

- How He Responded to His Mission (vv. 24-25)

'...He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree...'

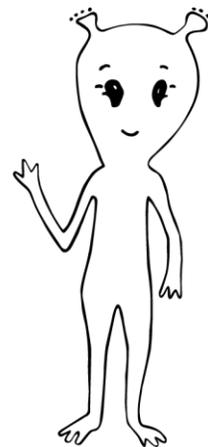
'...that we might die to sin and live to righteousness'

'...by his wounds you have been healed'

'...for you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls'

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**No. 14 – Keeping Our Conduct  
Honorable as God's People, pt. 4**

**1 Peter 2:21-25**

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**Review**

The apostle Peter, writing to Christians who are both *elect* and *exiles*, encourages them to live faithfully...

- Praising God for Our Salvation (1:3-12)
- Setting Our Hope on God (1:13-21)
- Growing in God's Word (1:22-2:3)
- Being Built Up as a Spiritual House (2:4-8, 9-10)
- Keeping Our Conduct Honorable as God's People (2:9-10, 11-12)
  - Being Subject as Citizens to Human Authorities (2:13-17)
  - Being Subject as Servants to Our Masters (2:18-25)

**No. 14 – Keeping Our Conduct Honorable, pt. 4**

**1 Peter 2:18-25**

ESV **1 Peter 2:** <sup>13</sup> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution...

<sup>18</sup> 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. <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 (**who**) committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> (**who**) 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 (**who**) himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. (**who**) 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.

## How to Live Like an Alien (“sojourners” and “exiles,” 2:11)...

- > ...means knowing who we are (“God’s people,” 2:9-10) and living our lives among unbelievers accordingly (“abstaining” from fleshly passions and “keeping” honorable conduct, 2:11-12)...
- > ...which includes being subject to human authorities...
  - > ...like government (“kings” and “governors,” 2:13-17)...
  - > ...and **masters** (household despots, 2:18-25)...

## Keeping our conduct honorable as God’s people...

### Servants must be subject to their masters (vv. 18-25)

because this is a gracious thing (vv. 19-20)  
because this is one’s calling (vv. 21-25)

### ‘Servants, be subject to your masters...’ (v. 18)

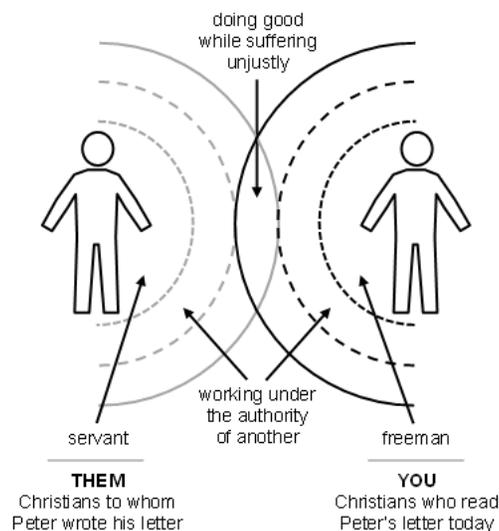
What does Peter mean? (v. 18)

‘servants...’

‘be subject to your masters...’

with all respect (“fear,” cf. 2:17; 1:17)

not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust



## Why?

because this is a gracious thing (vv. 19-20)

because this is your calling (vv. 21-25)

What have we been called to?

‘you have been called...’ (See also, 1:15; 2:9)

‘to this...’

Why have we been called to this?

‘because Christ also suffered for you...’

‘leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps...’

How can we carry out our calling to follow Christ’s example?

### Isaiah 52:13-53:12

‘...who \_\_\_\_\_’ (See v. 22, v. 23, v. 24 twice, on the front)

**ESV Isaiah 52:** <sup>13</sup> Behold, **my servant** shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. <sup>14</sup> As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— <sup>15</sup> so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. <sup>53:1</sup> Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that