

## **1 PETER: ON BEING SUBJECTS** — WEEK 30

**TITLE:** *Godward and Gracious Submission*

**MAIN SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:** 1 Peter 2:18-20

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### **WORDS I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND**

## **I. EMBRACING A GODWARD SUBMISSION (1 PETER 2:18)**

A. Peter continues to command a new way of living **(1 Peter 2:18)**

1. Christians are Exiles in the world because we live Godward lives **(1 Peter 1:1-5, 13-18; 2:9-12; 2:13, 15, 16, 19, 20)**
2. Peter's counter-cultural command undermines an anti-authority perspective **(1 Peter 2:18; 2:13, 17)**

B. Roman culture and domestic servants **(1 Peter 2:18; 1 Corinthians 7:21; 1 Timothy 1:10)**

1. Domestic servants were entrusted with great responsibility **(Matthew 25:14ff)**
2. New Testament "household ethics" **(1 Peter 2:18, 3:1, 7; Ephesians 5:22-6:9; Colossians 3:18-4:1)**

## **II. A GRACIOUS THING BEFORE GOD (1 PETER 2:19-20)**

A. Enduring sorrows from unjust suffering is a gracious thing when it is done with a Godward mindset **(1 Peter 2:19)**

1. Can God will unjust suffering? **(1 Peter 2:21; 3:17; 4:19)**
2. Will justice be served? **(2 Corinthians 5:10; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Romans 12:19)**

B. There is a blessing for those who do good and endure suffering **(1 Peter 2:20)**

1. There is no credit to endure suffering because of sin **(1 Peter 2:20; 3:17)**
2. There is blessing for enduring suffering because of good living **(1 Peter 2:20; 3:14; 4:3-4; 4:13)**

C. Do not grow weary in doing good! **(1 Thessalonians 5:15; Galatians 6:9-10)**

### **SOMETHING NEW TO ME**

### **WHAT I HEARD ABOUT THE GOSPEL**

## SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. Peter commands servants to submit "with all respect." Why is it important to respect authority over us?

2. What does it mean to have a Godward mindset about submission?

## ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good	Wise	Wrathful	Merciful
Just	Jealous	Faithful	Perfect
Holy	Gracious	Patient	Love
Other:			

## KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Unjust –

Suffering –

Respect –

## NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD