

# 1 PETER 2 vs 18

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<sup>18</sup> **Servants of the house, do not use your liberty as a covering to do evil, but as the servants of God be subject to your despotes with all fear / with phobias;**

**be subject not only to the patient and forgiving** / In Psalm 86 of the Septuagint... this is the same word for the Lord who is ready to forgive.

**but also to the adverse** / skolios; **the crooked**, and twisted.

**For this is grace** / remember: grace is the active, present... power of God. Paul opens every one of his letters with **grace and peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Here, Peter says...

**For this is grace, if anyone** / tis; if any man or woman,

**with their conscience awareness toward God,** endure grief / if anyone suffers wrongfully.

<sup>20</sup> **For what it there to boast about, if, for your faults you are buffeted** / if you are fisted; if you are rapped upside the head; if you are punched – due to your own **sin**. your **error**...

**and you take it patiently** / you persevere. Now days, most would use that very old and tired expression... you take it like a man... but I think... most men would run now days?

**but if, when you do well, and suffer, you take it patiently** / you endure and persevere,

**this is grace... with God.**

<sup>21</sup> **For to this you were called.**

/ Peter says: so expect it! Expect this immediate out-working of God's active power... to take place. And some might wonder: why? And Peter answers; listen to the 3 points he makes:

**First point...**

**because Christ also suffered**

And He didn't just suffer. Listen closely...



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## Second point...

because Christ also suffered **for us** / He was without guilt. He died but it was for us,

## Third point...

**leaving us an example** / **hupogrammos**; literally, it is a written copy containing all the letters of the alphabet. And like a primary school grammar book starting with the A, B, C's... for first graders to trace over... its meaning is so clear. In this verse, Peter tells us... our great Teacher is taking us to school,

**that we should follow His steps:**

So hear Peter again:

**For to this you were called, when you do well, and suffer and persevere, this is grace, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow His steps** / something Peter himself, had finally learned to do.

Now Peter reflects on Jesus our great Teacher, our great Example...

<sup>22</sup> **who did no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth** / in all His actions and deeds, Paul was quoting Isaiah 53; in all this Suffering Servant's actions and deeds... He did no chamas -- no violence; and He never spoke any trickery or deception... in order to mislead; John tells us, Jesus spoke truth; **if it was not so I would have told you**. His way is the way of Truth, it is always the way of Truth.

<sup>23</sup> **Who, when He was verbally abused, He did not revile in return** / Dr. Alan Stibbs of Oakhill Theological Seminary in London... he said of these words, Notice... the sustained and repeated provocation Christ Jesus endured:

**Who, when He was verbally abused, He did not revile in return;**

**when He suffered, He uttered no threats;**

**but surrendered himself to the One who rightly judges** / He handed Himself over to His Father; Jesus was not stoically biting His lip. He was focused on His Father; actively acknowledging Him who rightly judges.

<sup>24</sup> **Who Himself** / substituting for us, **bore our sins in His own body on the tree,**

**that we** / the servants of the house, **being dead to sin** / the word is: apogenomenos... we being dead... and because Christ died for us -- once for all time; never to be repeated again:

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**that we should live to do what is right** / Jesus our good Pastor said, **Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.** So Peter reminds us, that we servants of the house, don't need to sit around all day, scratching our large derriere, while waiting for the heavenly tow-truck. Nope! We consider ourselves dead to sin because Christ died for us. **And since He died for us; can we live for Him?**

Peter says...

**by whose lashing you were healed** / Can you imagine? In other words, the One who was being beaten and broken for us, healed us. And did you notice... we were healed; in the past tense; it's already done. And don't worry if we don't completely understand it. Peter says: not only our sins He carried away in His body on the cross... but also with His broken body, we were made whole.

In Psalm 103 we are encouraged to: Adore the Lord. and adore His holy name; and forget not all His benefits; Who forgives all our sins... and Who heals all our diseases and much more He has done!

<sup>25</sup> **For we were going astray as sheep** / dumb sheep = **probaton**; where we get the word for... **probation**; in criminal law: probation = a period of supervision over an offender, ordered by a court instead of serving time in prison; and that definition certainly reminds me like dumb sheep too often going astray.

**For we were going astray as sheep; but now are returned to the good Shepherd, and Overseer of your souls** / and in his day, Peter was leading the pack, many times headed the wrong way; but are returned not to some narrow-minded, peanut-head prelate; no hocus pocus worker of any kind.

**but are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls** / returned to the only good Pastor; by the way, the sheep belong to Him: the Lord who said, **all souls are Mine** – **Ezekiel 18**; anybody want to argue with the Lord?

And that is... **JESUS Christ!**

period, end of subject.

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**The Lord is my Shepherd** | **This is My Father's World** | **JESUS it is YOU**

CHECK OUT OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AROUND THE WORLD SINGING GOD'S PRAISE:

**His Sheep Hear His Voice And Follow Him**

