

**1 PETER**  
**Slavery and Unjust Suffering**  
**1 Peter 2:18-20**

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**1. All believers are to consider themselves as slaves to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. The sovereign God regulated \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament law.
  - 1) It was allowed to make restitution for a \_\_\_\_\_ committed, to pay off a debt as an indentured servant, or at the slave's request.
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ stealing and selling the person as a slave was forbidden and deserving of the death penalty.
- b. Believers who were slaves would be living in a difficult situation under God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. The believer's \_\_\_\_\_ as a slave of God must guide them no matter what their station in life may be.

**2. It is the will of God that those who serve as slaves should be submissive to their masters.**

- a. The Lord calls believers to be respectful to \_\_\_\_\_ and gentle masters.
- b. The Lord calls believers to be respectful to \_\_\_\_\_ masters.

**3. All believers will endure unjust suffering in this world, which is an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ the excellencies of the One who has saved them.**

- a. Sorrow, \_\_\_\_\_, and harsh treatment are realities in life for Christians.
  - 1) Some of these things people bring on themselves by their \_\_\_\_\_ choices.
  - 2) Some of these things will be completely \_\_\_\_\_ and undeserved.
- b. Christians are called to endure all suffering as a slave of God who is \_\_\_\_\_ on pleasing their Master.
- c. It is a praiseworthy testimony, when by God's enabling grace, believers patiently \_\_\_\_\_ unjust treatment at the hands of others.