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(Basic Bible in English)

These next 3 chapters are called "The Suffering Chapters" because they speak a great deal of suffering and how we should deal with it as Christians who are living in a world that's lost, dying, dark and bad things go on everyday. We are living in a darkening world that is demonically inspired, and the end of the age is approaching as evidenced by what's going on in the world-politically, socially, environmentally... These chapters talk about the trials and tribulations that we meet in our daily lives.

13 ¶ Submit yourselves to every ordinance (regulation) of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; At this time the king was Ceasar, and Peter is saying we don't have to like our leaders but we are to submit to them and obey their rules. Nero used to kill Christians at this time, hang them on stakes and light them on fire in his gardens.

14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. When you read commentaries about this verse, they leave out the part that any leader who is in power and has authority was given that power by God. The leaders are there to punish evildoers and fairly judge those people under you, and you are to make laws that benefit mankind. They have a great responsibility, from the top man to the lowest man on the totem pole. Human government is in control now and it's not fair, but the whole world is not fair. But we are to obey them because God says so and God put them in power, temporarily.

15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: Your behavior in public and private is very important. People are watching you. You are an example to others of the Christian way.

16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. When you became a Christian, some people feel like they've been let out of prison, some feel like they are not bound by the laws of man anymore. It's very freeing to be saved and know Jesus Christ has your back. But we are not free to go about doing bad things because we now a child of God. We have a higher code of honor to live up to now, and we are judged harsher than non-Christians for our wrong- doings because we now know better.

17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. Basically, Respect Others, even if you don't like them. We are to respect everyone, even those we don't like, but especially fellow Christians, and definitely fear God. He is just, merciful, and loving, but if you mess up He's going to discipline you lovingly, like a parent. It's a reverential fear, not a terrifying fear. Respect the person in authority, anybody in authority in your life.

18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. Respect your boss at work, even if he or she is not the best boss in the world. It's not easy, but do your best. Maybe they'll be better after witnessing your example of good behavior and respect towards others.

19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. God is especially pleased if you're doing what you're supposed to be doing with a good attitude and still are having a hard time. But if you're slacking off and have a bad attitude, you probably deserve it.

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: don't think you have it so bad- look what Jesus Christ went through for us. He is the perfect example for us, for how we should live and behave.

22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Jesus was totally sinless and pure. Jesus had to speak only one word to end all that torture.



23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: He went through hell here on earth, and He was persecuted and ridiculed and not listened to by the politicians and police, but He didn't threaten them or argue with them when He was falsely accused. He just committed Himself to the Father. He was here to set the foundation of the world and save us.

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. This comes from Isaiah 53. Jesus didn't deserve the whipping and crucifixion, but He did it so we could have eternal life.

25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. The Shepherd is one who ushers you along and keeps you in line and leads you the right way. Jesus is our leader, shepherd, overseer of our lives. He should be the guide, leader, boss of our life. We need to seek Him every morning when we wake up by asking Him to lead and guide us through out the day and ask for the Holy Spirit to be with us.

1 Peter 3:1-6

1 ¶ Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; Likewise – like what? Like what we were just talking about: wives are to take their position that God has given them in marriage and honor it and fulfill it as best you can. When one position or the other is out of whack, there is nothing but trouble. Women are not to be slaves to their husbands, and husbands are not to abuse their wives in any way, but Husband is the head of the house, Wife is the weaker vessel who follows the Husband. She is second-in-command. There can only be one leader, and when you got a good man, ladies, there is nothing better. It feels good when someone takes good care of you and who believes in God and follows His ways as best he can.

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear

3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; . A woman's behavior has a great influence on the man in her life. Just because she's second in the marriage doesn't mean she isn't powerful. Women are very powerful and influence their men a great deal. Peter is talking about how a woman should be a Christ-honoring lady, spiritually. He's not talking about not wearing makeup and jewelry and all that. He's talking about your inside behavior. Christ women don't need to dress seductively to draw attention to themselves. Christ women's inner beauty shines through. Lots of men love it when women don't wear makeup more than when they paint up their faces. It shows their inner beauty and their strength and secureness in themselves.

4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. We are not to call our husbands lord; we are just to recognize their authority and respect him. Wives are to take their position in the home not to be inferior to husbands, but as a help-mate. Husbands have a greater responsibility because God put them in a leadership position over the household, but wives have a great influence on their husband's behavior.