

# I Peter 2:18-25

## Jesus Our Example and Savior



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- And in America, it was 1863
- Christians were the main force behind getting rid of slavery



- But within the church, change could be made
- Paul in his letters called for revolutionary thinking
- He said, “*there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female, for we are all one in Christ*”  
Galatians 3:28



# I. Working Like a Slave Vss. 18-20



- You work for someone and in doing that work
- What is your attitude at work?
- What is your attitude toward your boss?
- We are to submit to our bosses with all respect



- If you are treated badly, harshly you know that work is miserable
- We have all been there, the boss had a bad day and takes it out on you. Maybe he takes it out on you every day
- How do you react in that situation?



- Everyone else that isn't a Christian does or says something against the boss to make his life difficult
- But as a Christian, if you react differently, kindly, submissively
- What does that say about you?



- It is about your testimony and others are watching if you are a Christian
- Your work matters to God, that's where you spend the majority of your life



## II. Jesus our Example Vss. 21-23



- The life of a Christian is not always easy
- Jesus, our leader, was persecuted
- The religious leaders of the day didn't like the people following Jesus,
- so they made Jesus' life difficult



- When men were making false accusations against Jesus
- He didn't strike back, he didn't get revenge
- In the end Jesus entrusted himself to God
- That is your example of how we are to react when people attack you



- To become a Christian does not mean that you will be protected from all the bad stuff in life
- Other religions may promise wealth, health, long life and no problems. There is an idol called the Happy Buddha.



- Jesus did promise his followers an abundant life
- And I have been a Christian for almost 50 years and I would not want any other life. I have also had some difficult times in my life because I was a Christian.
- But I wouldn't change anything
- Jesus is worth following



# III. Jesus our Savior Vss. 24, 25



- Jesus is much more than a moral teacher
- Jesus is our Savior
- Jesus made it possible for you and me to get to heaven
- He did this by being the sacrifice for your sins



- We are all sinful, not perfect and because of that sin we can't get to heaven. We are imperfect and can't come before a perfect, holy God
- And we can't do anything about that sin, it is who we are
- It is like we are sick with an incurable disease



- We need a Savior
- When Jesus went to the cross
- He took your sin and mine upon himself
- And he died and paid the penalty for our sin
- II Corinthians 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God*



- You receive the forgiveness by faith
- God is offering you the gift of forgiveness today
- You receive that forgiveness by faith, asking God to forgive you
- Asking God to heal you of your sin



- You can't earn God's forgiveness, but you can receive it
- Ephesians 2:8,9 *For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works so that no one can boast*



You can become a child of God by  
accepting Jesus as your Savior

*Lord Jesus, I am a sinner, I ask  
that you forgive me of my sin.*

*I ask you Jesus to come into my  
life. Thank you Jesus*

**and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.**

Cristo mismo llevó en su cuerpo nuestros pecados a la cruz, para que muramos al pecado y llevemos una vida justa. Cristo fue herido para que ustedes fueran sanados

**ikiwa ni wakubwa, kama wanaotumwa naye ili kuwalipiza kisasi watenda mabaya na kuwasifu watenda mema.**

他在木头上以自己的身体亲自担当了我们的罪孽好使我们既然向罪而死就能向义而活因他受的鞭伤你们得了痊愈

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In the 1st century when Peter wrote this, slavery was common  
It was in 1833 that slavery was finally abolished in England  
And in America, it was 1863  
Christians were the main force behind the getting rid of slavery  
If you think there is no slavery today, you are wrong  
There are an estimated 40 million slaves in the world today  
They are forced workers and sex slaves  
Why didn't the New Testament call for the abolition of slavery?  
There weren't enough Christians in society to make the change  
The Christians were small minority  
But within the church, change could be made  
Paul in his letters called for revolutionary thinking  
He said, "*there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female, for we are all one in Christ*" Galatians 3:28  
The idea that there was equality in the church was radical  
Slaves were equal with free people? That's radical  
And in the 1st century, women were equal with me? Radical  
I had to answer that question but this sermon is not about slavery  
This sermon is about how you react in difficult job  
And it's about Jesus, our example and Savior

**I. Working Like a Slave Vss. 18-20**  
You may feel like you are working like a slave, but you aren't  
So how do we apply these verses to our lives?  
You work for someone and in doing that work  
What is your attitude at work?  
What is your attitude toward your boss?  
We are to submit to our bosses with all respect  
You know that it's easy to submit to a good boss  
Someone who treats you well, someone who is kind to you  
We all want a boss like that  
By the way, if you are a boss, how do you treat those under you?  
Do you treat people fairly and with respect?  
Do you treat others as you would want to be treated?  
If you are treated badly, harshly you know that work is miserable  
We have all been there, the boss had a bad day and takes it out on you  
Maybe he takes it out on you every day

How do you react in that situation?  
Your boss could fire you if you say something bad  
If you get angry back at him or her  
Everyone else that isn't a Christian does or says something against  
the boss to make his life difficult  
But as a Christian, if you react differently, kindly, submissively  
What does that say about you?  
When all the other workers get together and talk bad about  
the boss what do you say?  
It is about having a good testimony  
It is about saying that I am a Christian and I act differently  
And what happens if it gets worse?  
What if your boss somehow punishes you for something you  
didn't do? Maybe you are doing extra work  
How do you react?  
It is about your testimony and others are watching if you are  
a Christian  
Your work matters to God, that's where you spend the majority  
of your life  
And as you work, or suffer in work, you need to be conscious  
of God. He is the ultimate boss  
This earthly boss doesn't matter, but God does matter  
And because God sees, God will commend you for your work  
Maybe you won't receive awards in this life from men  
But I think that good workers do get commended  
But what really matters is that God will commend you one day  
In heaven for your work  
That's what matters

**II. Jesus our Example Vss. 21-23**  
The life of a Christian is not always easy  
Jesus, our leader, was persecuted  
The religious leaders of the day didn't like the people  
following Jesus, so they made Jesus' life difficult  
And they ultimately had Jesus nailed to a cross  
As he went to the cross, he could have called on 1000s of angels to  
save him. But Jesus didn't do that  
When men were making false accusations against Jesus  
He didn't strike back, he didn't get revenge

In the end Jesus entrusted himself to God  
That is your example of how we are to react when people attack you  
To be a follower of Jesus means you follow his steps  
You act as Jesus acted  
To become a Christian does not mean that you will be protected  
from all the bad stuff in life  
Other religions may promise wealth, health, long life and no problems  
There is an idol called the Happy Buddha. If you have this statue  
in your home or business it will bring you good luck. Rub his belly  
once a day while you have happy thoughts and you will have good  
luck.  
Get the laughing Buddha with a big hat and you will have long life  
and no problems. And remember to keep him clean or you will have  
bad luck.  
Everyone wants a happy life, wealth, no problems and a long life  
But a Buddha statue will not give that to you  
Jesus did promise his followers an abundant life  
And I have been a Christian for almost 50 years and I would not want  
any other life  
I have also had some difficult times in my life because I was a Christian  
But I wouldn't change anything  
Jesus is worth following  
**III. Jesus our Savior Vss. 24, 25**  
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Jesus made it possible for you and me to get to heaven  
He did this by being the sacrifice for your sins  
Jesus was perfect while he lived on this earth  
He never sinned  
We are all sinful, not perfect and because of that sin we can't get to  
heaven

We are imperfect and can't come before a perfect, holy God  
And we can't do anything about that sin, it is who we are  
It is like we are sick with an incurable disease  
And because of that sin, we die physically and spiritually  
We need a Savior  
When Jesus went to the cross,  
He took your sin and mine upon himself  
And he died and paid the penalty for our sin  
II Corinthians 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God*  
The reason that he went to the cross and died was so that we could be  
forgiven our sin, that we could be made right, righteous with God  
So that we could be healed of the incurable disease, sin  
Jesus suffered and died so that we could live eternally  
You receive the forgiveness by faith  
God is offering you the gift of forgiveness today  
You receive that forgiveness by faith, asking God to forgive you  
Asking God to heal you of your sin  
You can't earn God's forgiveness, but you can receive it  
Ephesians 2:8,9 *For it is by grace you have been saved through  
faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by  
works so that no one can boast*  
You can receive God's forgiveness  
You can become a child of God by accepting Jesus as your Savior  
***Lord Jesus, I am a sinner, I ask that you forgive me of my sin.  
I ask you Jesus to come into my life. Thank you Jesus.***  
If you prayed that prayer, would you tell me about it?  
You are a part of the family of God  
And we want to help you grow as a Christian  
You were like a sheep that wandered off  
But you came back to the Shepherd, Jesus  
And Jesus wants to welcome you into the family of Christians