

The Christian's Submission to Vocational Authority

Holiness Amidst Suffering: An Exposition of First Peter

Message 13 – 1 Peter 2:18-23

Big Idea: As God's own possession, we as Christians are to "*proclaim the excellencies of Him*" through the way we conduct ourselves with unbelievers so that they may observe and "*glorify God in the day of visitation.*" In our passage today, Peter looks to the example of vocational authority to show five ways that we display the excellencies of God in the endurance of unjust suffering.

When we submit to unjust abuse from authority without retaliation...

I. We Show an Awareness of God's Presence in Our Lives (vs. 18-19).

II. We Show Our Reliance Upon God's Grace in Our Lives (vs. 19-20).

III. We Show Ownership of God's Calling Upon Our Lives (vs. 21a).

IV. We Show Christ as the Example in Our Lives (vs. 21b).

V. We Show Our Trust in Justice of God in Our Lives (vs. 23).