

letter to elect exiles **FIRST PETER**

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THE LIFE OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT

ISA.52:13, 53:7-12/1PET.2:13-25

1) CHRISTIAN SLAVES

A. A Household Code... of Sorts

B. The Moral Duties of Slaves

1 Corinthians 7:20-24 Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. Were you a slave¹ when called? Do not be concerned about it. But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity. For he who was called in the Lord as a slave is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a slave of Christ. You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men. So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

Colossians 3:22-24 Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

2) INNER MOTIVATION FOR CHRISTIAN SLAVES

A. Christ, the Suffering Slave Calls Us to Walk in His Footsteps

B. Set Your Heart on Christ's Gracious Reward for Unjust Suffering

Luke 6:31-35 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what **benefit/GRACE** is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what **benefit/GRACE** is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what **credit/GRACE** is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your **reward** will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

3) OUTWARD TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY BY CHRISTIANITY