



STANDING FIRM
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

HOPE AS EXILES

1 PETER



1 Peter 2:18-25

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²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:11-12

Be Subject With All Respect And Don't Sin

- vs. 18-20

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‘Generally most slaves were free by age thirty, either by purchasing their freedom or through governmental emancipation. And during their time as slaves, many people were given formal education and specialised job training that would greatly benefit them if they were ever emancipated. Often, freed slaves became Roman citizens and continued working with their former masters as paid employees.’

Clinton Arnold

‘Rather than look for work every day without any certainty, many people in ancient Rome sold themselves into slavery to gain security.’

- Yale Anchor Bible Dictionary

“If you love those who love you, what benefit 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 is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit 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.”

Luke 6:32-35

For This You Have Been Called

- vs. 21-24

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⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

1 Peter 3:9

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1 Peter 2:24

We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all...

He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:6,5