

OUR LIFE AS SHEEP

1 Peter 2:13-25

OUR STANDARD IS JESUS

OUR LIFE, OUR CALLING

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A Bad Time For Authority - 1 Doc of Independence

Most of the time, these align
Human flourishing works God's way

Pride or Obedience?

Hierarchy of Allegiance
God's Word/Law of Land

Lawful/Helpful

NERO'S TROOPERS

We are to do good as we submit to good authority

1 Peter 2:13-17 - ¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Often we find ourselves under good authority

(v.13-14) Be subject for the Lord's sake...

Within contexts where evil is generally punished and good is generally rewarded

(v. 15) This is God's will: doing good you give no reason for the foolish/ignorant to find fault

(v. 16) Love as free people and servants

Galatians 5 - For freedom set free

Honor For All

Big and small

Love for spiritual siblings

Like vs. Love

Fear God

Above men

On Duty

Image Bearers walking in integrity

(Representatives)

Freedom - Anger or pity?

We are to suffer well as we submit to bad authority

1 Peter 2:18-20 - ¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

Conduct Honorable/Convictions Holy

Sometimes we find ourselves under bad authority

Slavery Context

(v.18) Respectful submission

It doesn't matter if you disagree
Even if they do evil

Your conduct is to be respectful



The gracious and honorable is only when we suffer while exhibiting fruit of the spirit vs. works of flesh

for freedom...
spiritually free,
not the other way
around!

1 Corinthians 13

Love vs. clanging



May we be found honoring God in word, thought, and deed, no matter our circumstance

We are to learn from our Shepherd's submission to authority

IF YOU CLAIM JESUS, THIS IS YOUR STANDARD

JESUS AS ROYAL

1 Peter 2:21-25 - ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When 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. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Verse 21

You have been called to Christ's standard of conduct, not your neighbor's

Verse 22

No sin, no deceit
You are called to holiness no matter how bad it gets

Verse 23

Reviled - do you return?
Suffer - do you pledge revenge?

You are called to entrust all to God, who judges justly

Verse 24

We are called to follow his example

We are called to live in the righteousness he has given us.

Verse 25

John 10:1-18

Whose voice is loudest?
Is it feeding pride or obedience?

Murray Harris, "Slave of Christ: A New Testament Metaphor for Total Devotion to Christ" - In the first century, slaves were not distinguishable from free persons by race, by speech or by clothing; they were sometimes more highly educated than their owners and held responsible professional positions; some persons sold themselves into slavery for economic or social advantage; they could reasonably hope to be emancipated after ten to twenty years of service or by their thirties at the latest; they were not denied the right of public assembly and were not socially segregated (at least in the cities); they could accumulate savings to buy their freedom; their natural inferiority was not assumed.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 - If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

John 10:1-18 - "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."