



SURRENDERING TO GOD'S WAY IN THE WORKPLACE

I. Christians are called to do good work even when treated poorly.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For 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. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. vv. 18-20

II. Christians learn how to suffer unjustly by following the example of Jesus.

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

How can our workplace be an opportunity to trust and represent Jesus?



Elder and Deacon Candidates



Scan this QR code to see our full list of Elder and Deacon nominations. This list has been unanimously approved by our Board of Elders, and there you'll also find the constitutional requirements for these leadership positions. If you are a constitutional member of Christ Chapel, you'll receive a voting link on Wednesday, Aug. 26 to cast your vote by Noon on Sunday, Aug. 30. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting that same day at 1 p.m. at the Fort Worth Campus.

Communion



For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (1 Cor 11:26). Learn more about how we remember Jesus and proclaim Him as our risen Savior through the Lord's Supper.

HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read 1 Peter 2:18-25. In light of 1:17 and 2:17, describe the attitude with which you believe Peter wanted slaves to submit to masters.
2. How does what Peter said about slaves apply to employees today? Is it a direct correlation? Why or why not?
3. How can Christians help each other to bear up under unjust suffering?
4. Think of a recent time you experienced hurt from another person. How do you think Jesus might have responded in that situation? What attitudes about Himself and others would have enabled Him to respond like this?
5. Jesus endured because He focused on the goal of His suffering (see Heb 12:2; compare 1 Pet 1:13). What was the goal of Jesus' suffering?
6. Jesus' death is not just an example for us (v. 21); it actually empowers us to acquire His character (v. 24). How does it do this (see Rom 6:6-11; 8:1-11)?
7. Jesus modeled both the character and the actions of a commendable sufferer.* As you study His example, think about your own relationships with those over you, whether parents, teachers, pastors, judges or supervisors. Notice that the issue is not, *Who has the right to have power over me?* Rather, it's *How should I respond to those who do have power over me?* Discuss this concept.

8. What points from the sermon or panel discussion were beneficial to you?

*To examine more closely how Jesus responded to persecutors, see Luke 23:26-46; John 18:7-11, 19-24, 28-38; Acts 19:1-11.

HELPFUL Quotes

When we suffer unjustly at the hands of a cruel dictator or an unfair and overbearing boss, we participate in Christ's own ministry of unjust suffering on behalf of others. Christ suffered on behalf of us. We suffer on behalf of unbelievers who need to see the gospel lived out in our everyday lives. - *Chuck Swindoll*

The New Testament accepts this situation [slavery] and never suggests its abolition (cf. 1 Cor 7:21); to do otherwise would have required a social revolution wholly out of keeping with the attitude to authority taught in 2:13-17; moreover a rebellion by slaves against authority would have been crushed with terrible cruelty, as had happened more than once in the past. - *Ernest Best*

In the workplace, employees are to submit to employers as if they were serving Christ Himself. Such submissiveness precludes all rebellions, protests, mutinies, strikes or workplace disobedience of every kind, even if the employer is unreasonable. - *John MacArthur*

YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



Partner With Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!