

1 Peter 2:18-20

Peter addresses slaves in verse 18. Does his address indicate he is endorsing slavery? Why or why not? What do you picture when you think of slavery? How was slavery practiced in ancient Rome?

Peter lists two kinds of masters in verse 18. What are the two kinds of masters he lists? Notice, what does he indicate a slave's attitude should be towards each master? Why would God want a slave to have the same attitude towards a master whether the master was good or bad?

Christianity spread rapidly through the slave population in the Roman Empire. What would have drawn slaves to Christ? What things enslave people in our day and age? How can Christ help those who are enslaved by sin?

Peter didn't advocate for a slave revolt against their masters. How did Peter want slaves to serve their masters? Why would he want them to serve their masters in such a way? What was Peter's hope that might happen through such service to their masters?

Our concept of slavery is radically different than the world which Peter was writing in. Does this mean we should disregard this section? What relationship should it remind us of in our lives? Why would Jesus want us to be faithful and honest employees? What do these words teach someone who is authority?