



Reflection Questions

October 5, 2025

The Freedom of Submission

1 Peter 2:11-17

This week, we look at the paradoxical nature of Christian freedom, that true freedom comes not from autonomy, but from submission to God's design. We are reminded of our identity in Christ as chosen people, a royal priesthood, and God's treasured possession. This identity forms the foundation for how we should live and interact with the world around us, including our relationship with governing authorities.

Reflection Questions:

1. In what ways might our modern understanding of freedom as autonomy conflict with the biblical concept of freedom through submission to God?
2. What are some practical ways we can 'keep our conduct honorable' in today's world, even when it puts us at odds with cultural norms?
3. How do we reconcile Peter's instruction to submit to human institutions with situations where those institutions act contrary to God's will?
4. In what ways can Christians today use their freedoms and rights as citizens to shape society according to biblical principles?
5. How does understanding God's sovereignty over even the darkest moments in history (like Jesus' crucifixion) impact our response to current events?
6. What does it look like to 'live as people who are free' while simultaneously living as 'servants of God' in our daily lives?
7. How can we cultivate a proper fear of God that leads to honoring everyone, loving the brotherhood, and respecting authorities?
8. In what areas of your life do you struggle to trust God's plan, and how might embracing your identity in Christ help overcome those doubts?
9. In what ways can we be 'warriors in the culture' using the 'sword of His Word' rather than conventional means of cultural engagement?