



# Welcome!

**May 16, 2021**

“If the Son sets you free... you are free indeed!” -John 8:36

## Our Worship Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Worship through Song

Great are You, Lord

Light of the World

We Fall Down

Overcome

Worship through Prayer

Worship through Scripture

Respect Governing Authorities | 1 Peter 2:13-17 | Pastor Scott

Worship by Responding

Better is One Day

Worship by Going

**\*\*If you'd like to *worship by giving*, there is an offering box in the back. You can also give through the app and web page\*\***

### **Colorado Freedom Church**

6862 Galley Road | Colorado Springs, CO 80915

[www. ColoradoFreedomChurch.com](http://www.ColoradoFreedomChurch.com)

719-387-1618

Sundays: Kids and Youth; 5-6 pm; Grades K-12

## Announcements:

- Visit the App Store or Google Play and download the FC App!
- Please consider setting up recurring online giving through the app or web page.
- If you are interested in partnership, please pick up an information packet at the information table.

## Upcoming Events:

- May 30: Lunch with the LEAD Team
- June 5: Walk for Life, Memorial Park. See [walkforlife.com](http://walkforlife.com) for more information and to register.
- July 18-21 Connect Conference @ Maranatha Camp; register at [weareberean.org/events](http://weareberean.org/events)
- September 16: Back to Church Sunday

## Prayer Matters

*For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.*

Zephaniah 3:17 (NLT)

### Berean Church

Sterling, CO – Sterling Berean Church (Dan and Beth)

### Global Outreach

Berean Fellowship – International and National Church Planting

### Other

## **Respect Governing Authorities | 1 Peter 2:13-17**

### **Pastor Scott Maxon | Colorado Freedom Church**

<sup>13</sup> For the Lord's sake, submit to all human authority—whether the king as head of state, <sup>14</sup> or the officials he has appointed.

Romans 13:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-2

God puts political leaders in office, and they are worthy of our respect and honor, but not of our ultimate allegiance and worship.

Acts 5:17-33

It is possible to submit to the institutions and still disobey the laws.

<sup>14b</sup> For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right.

Peter did not criticize the Roman government or suggest that it be overthrown. God's church has been able to live and grow in all kinds of political systems.

<sup>15</sup> It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you.

<sup>16</sup> For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil.

Freedom in Christ and citizenship in the kingdom of God in no way permit believers to abuse or disregard the standards of conduct God has established for them on earth.

<sup>17</sup> Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king.

REFLECT: HOW WOULD YOUR ATTITUDE CHANGE IF YOU TOOK THIS VERSE TO HEART?

Submit when possible.  
Vote for biblical ethic.  
Act like a Christian.  
Pray for everyone.

**QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY<sup>1</sup>:**

1. Growing up, who was the authority figure in your family? How was disobedience handled?
2. How are Christians to act toward governmental authority (vv. 13-17)? Why?
3. What does Peter mean by “submit yourselves” (v. 13)? When it comes to submitting to authority, where do you “draw the line”?
4. What should people do whose legal rights are being violated by authority gone bad? Accept suffering? Insist on justice? Confront the authority?
5. In what ways can we be good citizens in our own culture without violating the will of God?
6. What are some situations where we must obey God rather than people?

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<sup>1</sup> Taken from multiple Study Guides on 1 Peter.