

“For God’s Glory”

Text: I Peter 2:13-17

Scripture reading: Romans 13:1-10

Introduction:

I. The glory of obedience – vv. 11-12

II. The glory of submission – vv. 13-15

A) Of civic obedience – vs. 13a (Acts 5:12)

B) Of those obeyed – vs. 13b-14a

C) Of obedience’s purpose – vs. 15 (Rom. 13:1-2)

III. The glory of freedom – vv. 16-17

Application: Four expressions of Christian freedom; We must...

1. Honor all people:

2. Love the brotherhood:

3. Fear God:

4. Honor the king:

“There is nothing got by struggling against the will of God, nor anything lost by a quiet submission to it.”

-Richard Baxter; Puritan theologian/preacher; 1615-1691

SERMON QUOTES:

II. The glory of submission – vv. 13-15

A) Of civic obedience – vs. 13a

Alan M. Stubbs,

“Because God in His sovereignty has ordered human life so, Christians should fit into the divine arrangement and submissively fulfill their appointed functions. The phrase ‘for the Lord’s sake’ provides the proper Christian motive for such dutiful obedience and conformity.”

Thomas Schreiner,

“...the authority of rulers is not absolute. They do not infringe upon God’s lordship, and hence they should be disobeyed if they command Christians to contravene God’s will. ...Believers are to submit ‘for the Lord’s sake’ which is likely a reference to Jesus Christ. They obey the injunctions of governing authorities ultimately because of their reverence for and submission to the Lord.”