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1 Peter 2:11-17 | Mirror Christianity

Sermon Application Review from 1 Peter 1:22–2:10

How did you love other believers this past week (1:22)?

How did you read/study the Word (2:2–3)?

How did you appropriate your identity in Christ (2:4–10)?

Scripture References

1 Peter 2:11–17

Matthew 5:13–16

Philippians 2:14–16

Romans 13:1–7

Titus 3:1–7

Luke 20:20–26

1 Timothy 2:1–4

Study Questions

1. How are you actively seeking to “abstain” from a sin that is waging war against you (1 Peter 2:11)? Who have you shared your struggle with? Read Proverbs 28:13–14. What small or significant wins have you experienced in your battle with sin?
2. What “good deeds” can you exhibit that will prompt praise from unbelievers (1 Peter 2:12)? How can you further stretch yourself in your deeds? How well does CBC declare and display the gospel to itself and others? How might you help us to do so even better?
3. What is the distinction between submission and obedience to governing authorities (1 Peter 2:13)? Is there any area of civil life in which you have exercised a disobedient spirit? Have you experienced any consequences for your actions? What one area of deliberate sin is God convicting you of regarding the laws of our land? When it is time, how will you prepare to stand up for what you believe?
4. How do you celebrate your freedom in Christ (1 Peter 2:16)? In what way(s) are you guilty of abusing your freedom in your political convictions? Are there areas of government or laws that you should be taking a stand against or voicing your concern over? How will you do this practically, and how will you make sure you do so with “proper respect”?
5. How will you “honor” political figures, especially ones you don’t like or respect (1 Peter 2:17)? How often do you pray for your governing authorities (1 Timothy 2:1–2)? What prayer techniques or reminders have helped? How can you express gratitude to your governing authorities for their service?

Recommended Reading

Andrew T. Walker, *Liberty for All* (Brazos, 2021)

Erwin W. Lutzer, *Why the Cross Can Do What Politics Can't: When They See You Do They See Jesus?* (Harvest House, 1999)

Erwin W. Lutzer, *Christians Politics and the Cross: An Urgent Plea for the Church to Return to its Mission* (Moody Church, 2020)

Jonathan Leeman and Andy Naselli, *How Can I Love Church Members with Different Politics?* (Crossway, 2020)

Jonathan Leeman, *How the Nations Rage: Rethinking Faith and Politics in a Divided Age* (Thomas Nelson, 2018)

Bruce Riley Ashford & Chris Pappalardo, *One Nation Under God: A Christian Hope for American Politics* (B&H Academic, 2015)

Bruce Riley Ashford, *Letters to an American Christian* (B&H, 2018)

Answers: thesis, loved, day, False, True, wives, Matthew, cut off, military, strength, Peter, Paul, Lord's, 70, purpose, submit, spiritual, sin, four, emphasized, Christ