

## Submission for the Lord's Sake

I Peter 2:13-17

Belief #1 - The redeemed answer to an eternal sovereign authority. v. 13a

***Be subject for the Lord's sake...*** v. 13a

Belief #2 - The redeemed have a duty to submit to the government and her leaders - v. 13

***Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,*** - 1 Peter 2:13

Belief #3 - The redeemed's submission brings about ministry. vv. 15-16

***For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup>Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.*** 1 Peter 2:15-16

**Four Duties** v. 17

***Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.*** 1 Peter 2:17

Believers honor all people.

Believers love fellow Christians.

Believers fear God.

Believers honor government authorities.



## Study Questions

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Scripture: I Peter 2:13-17

1. Discuss what Peter meant by being "subject" to every human institution. What if an institution imposes a ruling that is contrary to God's Word, how does one remain subject?
2. Peter reminds the early church whose sake they are doing this.... "for the Lord's sake!" How does being subject to our governing leaders benefit the Lord? How does being subject further our Christian witness?
3. Many governing institutions have put systems into place to prevent wrong doing and publicly promote well doing. Why is this important to remember as a believer? How does this relate to us standing firm in the world?
4. How well do you think the early church embraced that it is "God's will" for them to be subject to their government? Especially since they were betrayed by leadership, attacked verbally and blamed for actions they didn't do.
5. Discuss this thought: "enemies have their mouths open rather than their eyes. Such vicious verbal attacks are best answers not by indignant self-defense but by open well-doing."
6. Christian freedom can be misinterpreted or misused. How does Peter clarify how our freedom should be seen? What does freedom look like today in the believer's life?

## Application Questions

Do you sense God challenging you to adjust the way you respond (or react) to authority? Especially, when that authority doesn't align with your convictions.