



# HOPE

## What Do You Do with This Election?

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*Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.*

#### **1. Submission is COMMANDED by God (vv.13-15a)**

submit - from military term meaning "to arrange in formation under a commander"

- to place or align oneself under someone
- synonymous with the idea of obedience
- to find one's proper place and act accordingly

#### Romans 13:1

*Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.*

We are to be law-abiding citizens who display honor and respect toward those in authority over us.

We are to submit to and obey governing authorities until such obedience makes us disobedient to God. (Note: This is rare.)

#### **2. Submission helps silence those who oppose us. (v.15)**

#### 1 Peter 2:16

Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God.

#### **3. Submission does not negate our freedom in Christ. (v.16)**

#### **4. Submission results in proper attitudes toward others. (v.17)**

#### 1 Peter 2:17

Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

Our social obligations:

- a. Honor all people.
- b. Love the brotherhood.
- c. Fear God.
- d. Honor the king.

Acts 23:5

And Paul said, "I was not aware, brethren, that he was high priest; for it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT SPEAK EVIL OF A RULER OF YOUR PEOPLE.'"

Peter was less concerned about winning arguments and more concerned about winning people.

