

The Power of Submission

1 Peter 2:13—3:7

1. The _____ of Submission
1 Pet 2:13
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3. The _____ of Submission
1 Pet 2:13, 17
4. The _____ of Submission
1 Pet 2:12, 15, 18–19; 3:1, 7, 8–9
5. The _____ of Submission
1 Pet 2:21
6. The _____ of Submission
1 Pet 2:17



We are glad you have joined us today to worship. We want you to know that we have prayerfully planned this time together and that we do “church” on purpose.

Our mission is to **reach** people with the gospel message of Jesus Christ, **teach** people to become devoted disciples of His, **equip** people for acts of service, and **send** them into ministry.

As you join us today, we ask that you, also be intentional in your worship of God and purposefully focus on your relationship with Him.

God Bless you as we follow Him together. — Dr. Steven A. Crane

Group Questions

Opening: When you were growing up, what authority figure was hard for you to respect? Why?

Read 1 Peter 2:13—3:7

1. What is the main command of these verses? (Hint: it’s the first word.)
How does this passage relate to the previous verse (1 Peter 1:12)?
2. What specific examples of submission does Peter cite in this passage?
How difficult are these situations?
3. To what extent does Peter call Christians to submit? To whom should we submit?
(1 Peter 2:13, 17)
Does this excuse us from submitting to authorities who make bad decisions?
If there is ever an exception for us to not submit, what would it be? (Acts 4:18–20)
4. What are the reasons Peter gives for Christians to submit?
2:15: Submit yourselves ... so that you can do what?
2:18–19: Slaves, submit to your masters ... because it is what before God?
3:1: Wives, submit to husbands ... so that what can happen?
3:7: Husbands, in the same way ... so that what will not be hindered?
5. How is Jesus an example of submission to us? (2:21–23; Philippians 2:5–8)
In what way can submitting like Christ ...
be a source of power in your life?
be a witness to the lost in our world?
6. How can Jesus’ example help when you face hardships you can’t change?
7. What authorities are over you?
How do you apply verses 16–17 in those relationships?

Next Steps

- I am so thankful for Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.
- This week, I will live as a servant of God—showing proper respect to everyone.
- I will use my freedom in Christ to live as a servant of God.
- One area in my life in which I need to submit is: _____.