



How to vote as a Christian

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WORSHIP

Today Is The Day
Everlasting God
Here In My Life

WELCOME

Take time to read
1 Peter 2:13-17 then
discuss how you
understand the passage
and what verses stand
out in your reading
and/or the message
delivered last Sunday.

WORD

Roman 13:1

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

The current theme we are studying centers on, "Suffering for Christ for Future Glory", 1 Peter 1-2:11 focused on salvation with holiness as the proper response. Moving on to 1 Peter 2:12-3:12, we will be focusing on submission with harmony as our proper response.

Certainly, the most difficult doctrine to understand in God's Word is the Holy Trinity - God the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit. Yet, the most difficult doctrine to apply and live by is the doctrine of submission. Starting from chapter 2 of the book of 1 Peter onwards, the different areas of submission is explained – (1) submission to the government, king, governor (2:13-17); (2) submission to one's employer (2:18-20); (3) the example of submission (2:21-25); and (4) submission to one's husband (3:1-6).

As we study 1 Peter 2:13-17, we will look into:

The Principal of Submission

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution.

In military terms, submission is instantly being ready to do whatever the superior wants us to do.

The Particulars of Submission

1 Peter 2:13-14

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.

Just as how the early Christians did, we are to submit to the government no matter what type of government we are subject to. As Christians of today, let us think of how we can better submit to the laws of the land? How specifically will we do this?

Romans 13:1-7, says "Every person is to be subject to the governing authorities." This is the reason we respect the government (verses 1-5) and the reason we pay taxes (verses 6-7).

In the same book of Romans, we can find the application part of how we are to work within the church (Romans 12:1-21) and how we are to work within the government or the

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

Thanksgiving

Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

Country and World

Repentance and salvation
Peace in Ukraine and healing for those infected by the virus

Church

CCF members would honor God & love God and make disciples.
Core, pastors and leaders.
Ministries and church worldwide

Personal Concerns

Share your problems and concerns with your group and pray for one another.



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state (Romans 13:1-14) through public obligations (13:1-7).

We are encouraged to choose to obey when given choices (Exodus 1, Daniel 1 and 3).

The Purpose of Submission

For such is the will of God, that by doing right you silence the ignorance of foolish people. This is the higher purpose, it is the purpose of God that we submit in every way that is possible to our government.

Act as free people, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bond-servants of God. This is the outward purpose, we have freedom, be careful not to misuse that freedom.

The Practice of Submission

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

We have a responsibility to submit to God, a responsibility to honor all people around us (submit toward all people), to love the brotherhood of believers (submit toward believers), to fear the Holy God (submit toward God), and to honor the king (submit toward the government). To submit to the king is our action, to honor the king is our attitude. Not only are we to act, but we also need to have the right attitude.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. In what area of my life is submission the hardest for me?
2. How do I know the difference between "stubbornness" and "personal convictions?"
3. What does submission look like in our CCF setting? Do I need to submit to everything our church leaders say?