

Flag Branch Missionary Baptist Church
Baptist Training Union

“1st and 2nd Peter and Jude”
Called To Submission In The World

Study Five: The Role of Submission – 1 Peter 2:13-25; Acts 4:5-7, 13-20

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,

14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence (muzzle) the ignorance (culpable, self-caused) of foolish (senseless) men.

16 Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bond slaves of God

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

18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

19 For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.

21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

22 who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in his mouth;

23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Discussion

- A. Who are Christians told to submit to? Why should they? What are some examples. ver. 13-14.
- B. Who are the foolish men in ver. 5? What are they saying? What the effect of submission?
- C. What guidelines to Christian liberty do these verses suggest? ver. 13-15.
- D. How do we display “honor”? Who is the “brotherhood”? What does “fear” mean? ver. 17?
- E. When, if ever, do these verses allow a Christian to disobey the government? ver. 13-17.
- F. These next verses have been used to justify slavery. Do they? Why or why not? ver. 18-20.
- G. How was a slave to “submit” and “respect” their master? What are the alternatives? – ver. 18.
- H. How can this verse apply to situations and relations today (work, government, home)? ver. 18
- I. Read Acts 4:5-17, 13-20. How does Peter’s actions in these verses align with what he says in v. 13-18? Is there any conflict? Why or why not?
- J. What is the result or reward of suffering? ver. 19-20.
- K. Christians are “called” to suffer. What other scriptures valid this calling? What purpose does suffering serve? How can a person be a Christian and not accept and embrace this call? v. 21.
- K. How does Christ’s example help us with our calling to suffer? v. 21-24 What’s the role of faith?
- L. How do you explain “die to sin and live for righteousness” in v. 24 as a result of what Jesus did?
- M. Peter talks about a continual straying, but now a return. What does he mean? v. 25