

**Living in Exile:
“Christians and Government”
I Peter 2:13-17**

I Peter 2:13-17 *Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.*

Big Idea: Submit to authority.

Why?

-God ordains all government.

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

I Peter 2:15 *For this is the will of God...*

Romans 13:1-2 *Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.*

I Peter 2:14 *or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.*

-I am freed in the gospel to be His servant.

I Peter 2:16-17 *Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. ...*

I Peter 2:15 *For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.*

I Peter 2:11-12 *Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.*

“A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject of all, subject to all.”- **Martin Luther**

-Only God is worthy of my worship and my trust.

I Peter 2:17 *... Fear God. Honor the emperor.*

Matthew 22:20-22 *And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.*

“If today's church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. Every day I meet young people whose disappointment with the church has turned into outright disgust.” - **Martin Luther King Jr.**

I Peter 2:9-10 *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*