

1 Peter 2:11-17
The Christian Life: Submission to
God in All Things Part 1

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Outline of 1 Peter 2:11-4:11

<u>Passage</u>	<u>Focus</u>
1 Peter 1:1-2:10	Relationship with believers
1 Peter 2:11-4:11	Relationship with outsiders

Submission

2:11-12	We must live to glorify God
2:13-17	We must submit to authorities
2:18-25	Slaves submit to masters
3:1-6	Wives submit to husbands

Glorifying God In Our Conduct

1 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.

Unbelievers Will Glorify God
Psalm 86:8-9 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall **glorify your name**.
Zechariah 14:16 Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to **worship the King, the LORD of hosts** and to keep the Feast of Booths.

Believers Glorify God
Romans 15:8-9a For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God **for his mercy**.
Ephesians 1:11-12 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were **the first to hope in Christ might** be to the praise of his glory.

We Must Submit To Governing Authorities
1 Peter 2:13-15 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.

The Motivation Behind Our Submission
1 Peter 2:16-17 Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

Application

1. We must never forget that we are "aliens and strangers" in this world if we are to be obedient.
2. We must obey the governing authorities unless they command something God prohibits, or prohibit something God commands.
3. Are we slaves to sin or to God?

1. We Are Aliens And Strangers Here
1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
Hebrews 11:9-10 By faith he lived **as an alien** in the land of promise, as in a foreign *land*, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

2. Default Position: Obey The Government

Titus 3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed...

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.

2. We Must Obey God Rather Than Men

Principle: Obey the authorities unless they command you to do something God forbids, or they forbid you from doing something God commands.

Exodus 1:17 But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them...

Acts 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."

3. Are we slaves to sin or to God?

Romans 6:16-18 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became **obedient** from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.
