

1 Peter 2:11-17

I. The world, according to 1 Peter

- A. Christians are different because of what *God* has done (1:2-3,5,15,21,23; 2:9-10)
- B. Difference described as old vs. new, not uniformly good vs. uniformly evil (1:14,18; 4:3)
- C. Overlapping understanding of right and wrong (3:1,13; 4:15)
- D. Will react to the living witness of Christians (2:11)
- E. Will respond to actions more powerfully than to words (2:11; 3:1)

II. Christians in the world

- A. Resident aliens
- B. A "how-to" for the royal priesthood: abstain from fleshly lusts (negative side) and keep your behavior excellent (positive side)

III. Christians and civil authority

- A. Submit ... for the Lord's sake
- B. Every human institution ("creature")
- C. Submission to the imperial government
- D. Honor, Love, Fear, Honor
- E. Responding to American government today

IV. Why free men and women should obey other people.

- A. Christians possess supreme authority and freedom with Jesus Christ.
- B. Jesus has ordained civil government.
- C. Silencing ignorance
- D. Jesus became supreme by serving you when you stepped on him.