

# *Living Under Submission!*

**1 Peter 2:13-17**

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## Introduction

- Dr. Francis Schaefer's predictions regarding western civilization
- "Selective obedience"
- Peter's audience
- Live in such a way that your life is a testimony for Christ

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### **A. General Principle: Submit to every ordinance of man 2:13**

1. Submission to human authority in the Old Testament
2. Paul's teaching on submission—Romans 13
3. Identification of the "ordinances" of man as the institutions man has established to maintain order in God's creation.
4. Submission "*for the Lord's sake*"
  - a. When we obey earthly authority, we honor God's sovereign authority. Psalm 113:4; 22:8
  - b. When we obey earthly authority, we follow our Savior and reflects favorably upon Him. 1 Peter 2:23; Philippians 2:14

### **B. Specific Practice: Human government 2:13-17**

1. The God-ordained Purpose of human government 2:13-14
  - a. Punishment of Criminals
    - 1) Paul's teaching—Romans 13:3-4
    - 2) Noahic Covenant—Genesis 9:5-6
  - b. Praising of the good Citizens—Romans 13:3b-4a
2. Submission applied to all levels of authority
3. Are there exceptions to the rule of submission?
  - a. Modern day examples
  - b. If a law violates a clear command of God, we must obey God rather than man. For example
    - 1) Midwives in Egypt—Exodus 2
    - 2) Daniel and his three friends—Daniel 1, 3, 6
    - 3) Peter and John—Acts 4, 5
4. Why submit to human government?
  - a. It's God's way of silencing the gospel critics—2:15
    - 1) Titus 3:1-2
    - 2) "Doing good" more than being a good, law-abiding citizen. It is going beyond the call of duty. Luke 6:35
  - b. As "bondservants" of God, we should be intent on doing God's will.
    - 1) We are "free" in Christ
    - 2) But our "freedom" does not give us the right to disobey human authority, but to serve. Galatians 5:13

### **C. Summary: Four Commands 2:17**