

Grown-Ups In The Room Pt.13: "Obey The Lord First!"

I Text:

Old Covenant: *Deuteronomy 17:14-20*

New Covenant: *1Peter 2:13-17*

II Doctrine: Believers in the living God must reject the morals and customs of the world. We must look at the world system like a foreign culture we do not wish to adopt. Christians are to assimilate their beliefs and behaviors in accordance with God's kingdom. When unbelievers observe our behavior especially with one another, their evil accusations will carry no weight. Christians today just like the Jews at Peter's time are naturally hated by the world at large.

III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:

1) God's people must be known as peaceful subjects and not as rebels. We are to personally obey all governmental authority as long as we are not asked to violate God's law. The Jews at this time had a reputation of being ungovernable, and always seeking independence. (*1Peter 2:13,14; Romans 13:1-3*)

2) Christians are not allowed to use our freedom in Christ to be anarchists or support tyranny. We are to endorse the law of God by following the Ten Commandments ourselves. Sometimes God allows monsters to rule over us because we deserve it.. (*1Peter 2:15,16; Romans 13:4,5*)

3) Faithful Christians will allow God's law to rule their covenant community, and their interactions with their neighbor and government. (*1Peter 2:17; Romans 13:6-10*)

~"If you preach the gospel in all aspects with the exception of the issues which deal specifically with your time —you are not preaching the gospel at all."

— **Martin Luther** (1483-1546)

"For earthly princes lay aside their power when they rise up against God, and are unworthy to be reckoned among the number of mankind. We ought, rather, to spit upon their heads than to obey them."

— **John Calvin** (1509-1564)

"Resistance to tyranny is obedience to God."

"A man with God is always in the majority."

— **John Knox** (1513-1572)