

The Reason for Submission

1 Peter 2:13-17

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What is submission? It is to yield to and obey God's delegated authority.

Submission goes against our sinful nature; hence it's importance.

Our sinful nature tells us to submit to no one; we are our own masters.

Human Institutions

The context gives three examples: Government, masters, and husbands.

The fall has devastated order in human society.

Every social structure requires submission.

Authority in a fallen world is always held by fallible, fallen, broken people.

We are to submit to the lawful government, as far as we possibly can.

The Purpose of Civil Government v 14

To punish and to praise (Romans 13:4)

Justice is to be just. How do we determine justice?

The Why of Submission v 15

This is the will of God, in v 13, we submit "for the Lord's sake."

Good deeds silence foolish ignorance

Give no offense to others except the offense of the gospel.

Freedmen

Free to live as God's liberated people

Various Obligations as God's Free People v 17

Honor, Love and Fear

How good are you at submission?

I challenge to actively submit and not demand your own way.