



The Epistles of Peter
1 Peter 2:11-20
From Sermon 11.9.25

Read *1 Peter 2:11-20*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: Besides inevitable tribulations, Peter's main focus has been the Christian, personal conduct, and service in the church. God the Holy Spirit now has him direct us in our conduct outside of the church and how it impacts our testimony. As usual, the biblical blueprint could not be more counter-cultural. While the world shouts "rebel", the Scriptures proclaim "submit".

1. So far, 1st Peter has given us three reasons for holy living:

- We were saved by a Holy God, at great price, and He commands it.
- It directly affects our strength in trials and tribulations.
- It influences our testimony/witness.

2. Review the following Spheres of Authority and their biblical establishment:

- Human Government— *Genesis 9:6*
- The Home—*Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 5:22-23 & 6:1*
- The Church—*Hebrews 13:17*

3. What are some of the things Christians are accused of by the world and culture? Hypocrites. Hateful. Intolerant. Anti-woman. Narrow minded. Naïve

4. What did the Holy Spirit have Peter teach us about the world, accusations, and submission? They are going to slander when you live for God's truth. Our holy conduct will silence them. Don't give them ammo. Don't let them be right. Some will come to Christ aided by our conduct in the world.

5. Our culture is obsessed with rebellion, protest, & civil disobedience. Should we be surprised? No
See *Romans 1:28-32* [Note the historical uniqueness of America and a democratic republic]

6. The Scriptures call us to a Submission to Civil Authority. What authorities would that include? Kings, leaders, governors, judges, laws, law enforcement, & agencies that administer the laws. Teachers.
See also *Romans 13:1-7*

6a. What is the Bible's "Exception Clause" in obeying authority? See *Acts 4:19-20 & 5:29*. When following a law or obeying an authority is in clear violation of the law of God.

Can you think of valid examples? Various Answers. Laws to stop being a biblical church. Being told to stop sharing the Gospel. Laws to close the church. WWII—German Laws to turn in Jews.

[However, we must also be ready to face the consequences for disobedience. Examples?]

7. What does the Bible say about Workplace Authority? You are to submit to the rules and policies of that company. We must adopt a mindset that all we do is actually working for God, not man. See *Colossians 3:23*