

Christian Submission – Intro to 1 Peter 2:13ff

I. Introduction

A. Hated Word: **SUBMIT!**

1. We don't want to submit to NOBODY!
2. "DO YOUR OWN THING"
3. EXTREMELY INDEPENDENT, SELFISH Culture we live in.

B. Biblically –

1. Either SUBMITTING to GOD
 - a) OR SUBMITTING TO SIN
2. Either SLAVE of RIGHTEOUS
 - a) OR SLAVE TO SIN
 - b) Your Spiritual Father is SATAN
3. Either FREE to do RIGHT
 - a) OR NO FREEDOM – SLAVE to SIN.
 - b) DOING NO GODLY GOOD.

C. TONIGHT – TALK ABOUT Biblical View of SUBMISSION!

D. REVIEW – 1 PETER OUTLINES!

II. Submission to God

A. Submission – Multiple words but MAIN is...

1. *Hupo-Tasso* =
 - a) *Military term*
 - b) *"Arrange yourself Under"*
 - c) = OBEY
 - d) =VOLUNTARY – YOU ARRANGE YOURSELF UNDER...

B. James 4:7

7 Submit therefore to God...

C. Acts 5:29

29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

D. Colossians 3:23-24

*23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,
24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.*

III. Submission to God-ordained institutions

A. REMEMBER – YOU'RE ALIENS and STRANGERS HERE! – This is not your home!

B. Church

1. *Hebrews 13:17*
17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as

those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

C. Government

1. 1 Peter 2:13-14

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,
14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

2. Romans 13:1-5

1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.
2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.
3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same;
4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.
5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake.

3. Titus 3:1

1 Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed,

D. Masters / Employers

1. Colossians 3:22-24

22 Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.
23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,
24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

2. 1 Peter 2:18-21

18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.
19 For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.
20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.

E. Husbands

1. Colossians 3:18-20

18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

2. Ephesians 5:22-25

22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.

24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

F. Parents

1. Col 3:20

20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

2. Ephesians 6:1-3

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

2 Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise),

3 so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

G. One Another

1. Ephesians 5:21

21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

2. Romans 12:10

10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

3. Philippians 2:3

3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

IV. Who does these institutions submit to?

A. Church

1. Hebrews 13:17

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B. Government

1. Romans 13:1

1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

C. Masters / Employers

1. Colossians 4:1

1 Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

2. Ephesians 6:9

9 And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

D. Husbands

1. 1 Corinthians 11:3

3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

2. James 4:7

7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

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V. But who are we really submitting to?

A. Church?

1. Ephesians 5:23-24

23 ...Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.

24 But as the church is subject to Christ, ...

2. Colossians 1:18-20

18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,

20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

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2. Ephesians 6:5-8

5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

6 not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

7 With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

8 knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

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F. God!

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VI. 1 Peter 1:17-18 ... V.17f... Conduct yourselves in fear

17 If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth;

A. "If you address as Father"

a) "IF" = even if, EVEN THOUGH

b) = Even though you CALL UPON GOD AS FATHER...

B. "the One who impartially judges according to each one's work"

1. "judges"

a) judgment in the sense of evaluating to discover the true nature of the person judged.

b) Judgment includes reaching a decision – approval or disapproval.

- c) Verb – Present tense – God is presently, CONTINUALLY, judging you.
 - (1) Therefore – not referring to the final judgment
 - (2) Also –not referring to unbelievers

2. “impartially”

- a) Means “does not receive your face”
- b) Impartiality = not determined by OUTWARD APPEARANCE
- c) No FAVORITISM!

3. “according to each one’s work”

- a) What work?
- b) V.15

15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;

- (1) = WHOLE MANNER OF LIFE
 - (2) = WHOLE daily walk
 - (3) v.17 WORK = SINGULAR
 - (a) v.15 singular
 - (b) “work” SUMMARIZES
 - c) Peter: “work” summarizes the WHOLE of your behavior
 - d) I.e. God judges you when your behavior is “off track” or “on average” failing God’s standard.
 - (1) AN AREA OF YOUR LIFE is in sin
 - e) v.15 is to BECOME HOLY =Process
 - (1) God is not waiting to JUMP ON YOU for any minor infraction of His HOLY STANDARD of RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - (2) God is watching and JUDGING you WITH APPROVAL
 - f) BUT if instead of BECOMING HOLY, your ARE BEING SINFUL, or worse yet BECOMING MORE SINFUL
 - (1) God JUDGES you with DISAPPROVAL per Hebrews 12
 - (2) TO GET YOU BACK ON TRACK of BECOMING HOLY!
4. SO – when you know God is the IMPARTIAL JUDGE of your LIFE what is to be your response?

C. “Conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth”

- 1. Literally: “in fear the time of your sojourning pass”
 - a) VERB = Pass – CONDUCT =COMMAND
 - b) Constantive Aorist views actions in their totality, =entirety view.
 - (1) This is the broadest category of usage for the aorist.
- 2. “in fear”
 - a) in the EMPHATIC POSITION – at beginning of phrase!
 - b) “fear” = phobo = we get “PHOBIA”
 - c) 47X in NT as noun– FIVE in 1 Peter!

- d) 103X as verb – THREE here
- e) EIGHT TIMES – FEAR!
- f) MAJOR THEME!
- g) 1:17 – this verse
- h) 1 Peter 2:17

17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

- (1) 4 commands: honor, love, fear, honor
- (2) Notice WHO you fear
- (3) NOT MEN! But GOD!

- i) 1 Peter 2:18

18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

- (1) Literally: servants subject yourselves (command) to your masters IN ALL FEAR – OF GOD

- j) 1 Peter 3:1-2

1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

2 as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.

- (1) Literally: having observed your IN FEAR (OF GOD) pure (HOLY) behavior!

- k) 1 Peter 3:6

6 just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

- (1) Literally: doing good and not fearing any terror- OF MEN

- l) 1 Peter 3:13-14

13 Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good?

14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled,

- (1) Literally: and OF THEIR FEAR DO NOT BE AFRAID NOR BE TROUBLED!

- m) 1 Peter 3:15-16

15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

16 and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.

- (1) V.15 Literally: with gentleness and fear.- OF GOD

- 3. MANY would say = in reverence, awe, respect, honor!

- a) BUT look at the context!

- b) “in fear” COMES IMMEDIATELY after the identification of God and HIS JUSTICE

- c) Kelly: "Peter's point is since the God whom his readers address as Father is to be their judge, they would be wise to have a healthy dread of His judgment and shape their behavior accordingly, not relying on their status as privileged children for His decisions will be determined solely by the quality of each man's actions."
4. Fear = FEAR of a good father = fear knowing that although God is perfectly JUST and RIGHTEOUS He is also perfectly loving, merciful, kind, gracious, etc.
 5. Fear KNOWING God KNOWS THE BEST FOR YOUR SANCTIFICATION
 6. Yes – part REVERENCE and AWE – BUT HERE FOCUSED on CONCERN for the CHASTENING you MAY face FOR your UNHOLY BEHAVIOR.

VII. CONCLUSION

A. SUBMISSION –

1. as ALIENS and STRANGERS in this WORLD
2. ALL to God...
3. BUT THROUGH HUMAN INSTITUTIONS ORDAINED by God
4. IN FEAR of God
 - a) During Process of BECOMING HOLY
 - b) He gets you BACK on TRACK = CHASTENING
5. SO THAT God can use your BEHAVIOR in the salvation of others!

B. NEED *this PERSPECTIVE!*

C. Take these verses **BACK TO YOUR STUDY –**

1. MEDITATE
2. PRAY!

D. And, **IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBMITTED to GOD through JESUS CHRIST – Talk to ME!**