



STUDY NOTES – SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Sermon Series: “*First Peter: Stand Firm*”

Pastor Kris preaches from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*.
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Scripture: 1 Peter 2:13-17

1. **SUBMIT** to the government (V. 13-14 & 17)

1 Peter 2:13–14 (ESV) — 13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

1 Peter 2:17 (ESV) — 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

HOW TO RELATE TO GOVERNMENT

1. Respect **authority** as from God. (Rom. 13:1)

Romans 13:1 (ESV) — 1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

2. Respect **law enforcement**. (Rom. 13:4)

Romans 13:4 (ESV) — 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

3. Pay your **taxes**. (Rom. 13:6-7)

Romans 13:7 (ESV) — 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

4. Obey all laws unless they **contradict** the Bible. (Acts 5:29; Daniel 3 and 6)

Acts 5:29 (ESV) — 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.”

- Life lesson: Doing right is **more powerful than arguing for what's right**. (V. 15)

2. **SERVE** God first (V. 16-17)

1 Peter 2:16–17 (ESV) — 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

- Life lesson: God's and His Word take precedence **over all human institutions**.

S.A.L.T. Group questions

- Have someone read Sunday's passage: 1 Peter 2:13-17
 - What truths stand out to you?

- 1. Why is it so challenging for many Christians to submit to our government right now?
 - What are some ways that Christians are disobeying the command to submit to government?
 - What are some ways to encourage law enforcement with the difficult job they are doing?
 - What is the effect of Christians railing against government policies?
 - What should be our attitude about paying taxes when taxes seem so high and the money is sometimes spent frivolously?
- 2. What are some situations that would require the Christian to disobey government?
 - Should a Christian ever tell a lie when disobeying the government?
 - How can the Christian have hope in the midst of increasingly anti-Christian government?

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