

**HOW ARE WE TO BEHAVE IN AN UNGODLY WORLD?
BEHAVIOR IN RELATION TO GOVERNING AUTHORITIES:
SUBMIT, OBEY, HONOR & PRAY
1 Peter 2:13-17**

- I. **CONTINUALLY SUBMIT TO AND OBEY ALL HUMAN AUTHORITY** so that Lord might open the door for redemptive opportunities (13-16)
- A. **The command to be obeyed:** Submit to every human institution (13-14, Titus 3, Rom. 13)
- B. **The reasoning to be remembered:** Submit because the Lord uses our obedience to silence and save unbelievers (15)
1. For the Lord's sake (13)
 2. God has instituted governing authorities (Rom 13)
 3. PRIMARILY because He uses our obedience to His will to move in the hearts of nonbelievers (15, 12)
- C. **Do we submit in everything?** (Daniel 3, Acts 5)
- D. **A warning to be heeded:** Our freedom in Christ does not free us to sin (i.e. reject or dishonor earthy authorities, but it frees us to obey and serve the Lord (16)
- II. **SUBMIT WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE: HONORING ALL MEN**, especially the king, yet not over elevating above brothers in Christ and God (17)
- III. **PRAYING FOR ALL**, especially governing authorities (1Tim. 2:1-6)