



The Christian's Submission to Civil Authority
Holiness Amidst Suffering: A Series in 1st Peter
Message #12 – 1 Peter 2:13-17

Scripture of the Week:

“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. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.”

† ***Romans 13:1-2*** †

Big Idea: In Western culture today, the idea of “submission” is often viewed with a certain amount of aversion as it is thought to be characteristic of only the weak and naïve. However, Scripture teaches that submission is actually a gift that God gives believers to silence skeptics and bring Him glory. In our passage this morning, Peter gives us six components as they relate to the Christian’s submission to civil authority.

I. The *Command* for Submission (2:13a).

II. The *Motive* for Submission (2:13b).

III. The *Extent* of Submission (2:13c-14).

IV. The *Reason* for Submission (2:15).

V. The *Attitude* of Submission (2:16).

VI. The *Application* of Submission (2:17).