

“We believe that God created and ordained all governing authorities and we are called to submit to these authorities as an act of obedience to God and as imitators of Jesus Christ’s suffering on the Cross. Every person falls under the earthly jurisdiction of the authority, however we are all judged by God and the authority of His Word. We believe that we must obey the governing authority unless it requires us to act contrary to our faith at which time ‘we must obey God rather than men.’”



THIS WE BELIEVE:
SUBMISSION TO
GOVERNING AUTHORITIES

1 Peter 2:13-25

SOME GREAT CONTEXT

“Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they may accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.” 2:11-12



VSS. 13-17

Submit? That's not natural. Well, we're aliens and strangers.

Why would we do that? For the Lord's sake

“But our government is corrupt!” Well, this is written to believers in Rome under Nero. It wasn't Sunday School

HOW ARE WE TO LIVE?

“Do good”

“Live as servants of God” Col. 3:23-24

“Show proper respect”

“Fear God”

“Honor the king”

VSS. 18-25

Note the context as the order in the world that has been ordained by Creator God:

Citizens to Government Vs. 13

Slaves to masters (Employees to bosses) Vs. 18

Christ to the Father Vss. 21-25 (Consider Phil. 2:5-8)

Wives to husbands (3:1)

ROMANS 13:1-7

“Everyone must submit”

“But...” Again, writing to Church in a God-less society

“The authorities...have been established by God,” so
God takes rebellion against government personally

Submission to those in authority is an act of worship

While submission to governing authorities is to be the norm for the Christ-follower, civil disobedience is a thing (See Acts 5:29). However, “(the one in authority) does not bear the sword for nothing,” so expect consequences and endure them with grace. (1 Pet. 2:23)

Owe taxes? Pay them. Revenue? Pay it. Respect? Show it. Honor? Do it



1 TIM. 2:1-6

Our attitude toward governing officials?

Go to God on their behalf with requests, prayers,
intercessions and thanksgiving.

“I missed the ‘griping and whining’ part.
What verse is that?”



And how shall we live?

“peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”

With what primary goal?

“that all men (will) be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.”