

## **Submission to People in Authority - 1 Peter 2:13-25**

### **Topics**

Atonement, Authority, Citizenship, Endurance, Enemies, Example, Fear, Freedom, God, God's Will, Government, Jesus Christ, Leadership, Lifestyle, Persecution, Righteousness, Sin, Suffering, Unfairness

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## Get It Questions

15. To what authorities or masters should we submit ourselves today?

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16. Why is it so difficult to submit to people who have authority over us?

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17. How would you paraphrase God's will as Peter described it?

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18. When have you suffered under someone's harsh authority?

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19. When have you suffered unjustly for Christ's sake?

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20. What does it mean to fear God?

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21. How might we use our freedom to cover up evil?

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22. What example has Christ left for us to follow?

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23. What challenges does Christ's example give us?

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24. Why is it so hard to suffer in silence without retaliating?

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25. In what way are we like sheep?

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26. What does it mean to live for righteousness?

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27. Of what wounds has Christ healed us?

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28. What specific changes do you need to make in your life-style in order to live for righteousness?

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29. How can you exercise your freedom in a way that honors God?

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**Apply It Questions**

30. To what authority (person or institution) will you ask God to help you submit today?

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31. In what situation can you follow Christ's example of suffering without retaliating?

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**Epistle of 1 Peter**  
**1 Peter 2:13-25**

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## 1 Peter 2:13-25

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- God’s Will
- Government
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- Life-Style
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## 1 Peter 2:13-25

### INTRODUCTION

At this point in Peter’s letter, the focus changes from theological to practical. Up to this point, Peter had explained that the believers were to live holy lives, revealing their status as God’s chosen people. In this section, Peter offered practical advice for holy living in an unholy and often hostile world. As believers who have received God’s mercy (2:10), we ought to live worthy of our calling. This begins the next major section of 1 Peter (2:11–3:12). It centers on the Christians’ relationships to non-Christians. Because we are the community of God (2:4-10), we must live like it.



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## 1 Peter 2:13-25

### OUTLINE

- I. Submit with Respect (2:13-17)
- II. Submit with Patient Endurance (2:18-20)
- III. Submit like Jesus (2:21-25)



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**GET IT QUESTIONS**

**#15 to #29**

**APPLY IT QUESTIONS**

**#30 to #31**

**New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
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*Next Week's Bible Study*

**Wednesday,  
August 31, 2022**

**@12:00 Noon  
In-Person**



**Wednesday,  
September 7, 2022**

**@7:00pm Virtual  
via ZOOM**

**1 Peter 3:1-7  
“Husbands and Wives”**

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