

## Our Submission in Christ #1

1 Peter 2:13-25

### People that deserve our respect:

- All human authority. (v. 13a) **Why?**
  - For the Lord's sake. God told us to.
- Elected officials. (vv. 13b-14, Rom. 13:1-7, Titus 3:1-2) Obey them! **One exception**, when the law of man violates the Law of God. (Acts 5:29) **Why?** (vv. 15-16)
  - They have been given the job of exacting justice. (punish and reward)
  - Our honorable lives should squelch any false accusation. (2:12, Matt. 5:16, Phil. 2:14-15)
  - Because living righteously is now the better option.
- Employers (vv. 18-21) Do what they tell you to do. **Why?**
  - It pleases God.
  - It is our duty. (Col. 3:22-25) God told you to.

### Jesus our example: (vv. 22-25)

- He never deceived anyone.
- He never retaliated against anybody.
- He never threatened anybody.

### Rather He:

- Allowed His Father to judge His accusers. (Rom. 12:17-19)
- Died for our sins so we can be dead to sin.
- Allowed Himself to be wounded and killed so that we could be forgiven and healed. (live forever)

### Points to Ponder:

- Our respect for authority is not so much expressed from a desire of the flesh, but rather from a duty to God!
- Our respect for elected officials is not so much from a point of agreement, but rather from a posture of humility!
- Our respect for employers is not so much from a desire to please them, but rather a desire to please God!