

## SUBMITTING TO THE GOVERNMENT, 1 Peter 2:13-17

Intro. Govt began Gen. 9:6. Is a theocracy. Other govts too at same time, Dan 4. No theocracy now but govts continue. Attitudes twd: Xnize US. Prolong US. Abandon US. 2 Chron 7:14. Didn't happen in Korea which was evangelized and still has large churches in S. More Xns in China and Russia than US. 2x in Africa, yet lands not healed.

### I. The Requirement--Be Law-abiding, 2:13-14.

Submit=Rom 13:1; Titus 3:1. Put in lower rank. Bet Rom and Titus P imprisoned in Caesarea, Rome yet didn't change mind. Nero July 18, 64, bad when 1 Peter written. Whether govt good or bad, be law-abiding. Applies to all laws and all levels of govt. Normal purpose of govt is 14b.

### II. The Reasons to be law-abiding, 2:15-16.

1. Will of God. Don't have to pray about it.
2. Silence foolish people.
3. Slaves of God even tho free and must not use freedom to cover up evil.

III. The Results of being law-abiding, 2:17. Honor all, Love Xns. Phobos twd God. Honor king.

### IV. Any exceptions?

1. Acts 5:29. Peter said this yet wrote 1 Peter later. Sanhedrin had both rel and pol power.
2. Dan 3. But must have attitude of 3: 17-18.
3. Dan 6. God delivered from lions.
4. Heb. 11:35-37.
5. Acts 16:37 passive disobey.

Be sure when decide to disobey (1) that it is not bec govt has denied him his rights but bec it has denied him God's rights. (2) Willing to suffer consequences.

V. Responsibilities of Xn. 1. Gal. 6:10. 2. Leg lawsuits, letter writing. 3. Give Caesar. 4. No revolts, 1 Cor 7:22; 5:11-13). 5. Pray, 1 Tim. 2:1-2. 6. Be politician. Joseph, Daniel. Mordecai, Cornelius, Eunuch, Sergius Paulus, Phil jailer. Primary resp is godliness and witness. Thru wit we change people; thru godliness we affect society; thru obed we honor God.