

I. WE ARE TO BE GOOD SUBJECTS AS CHRISTIANS (1 PETER 2:13-15)

- A. For the Lord's sake we submit to governing authorities **(1 Peter 2:13-14; Romans 13:1)**

- B. We live in two realms or systems **(1 Peter 2:13-14; Mark 12:17; John 19:10-11)**

- C. It's God's will for us to do good **(1 Peter 2:15; 1 Peter 4:19; Romans 12:17-21; 1 Timothy 2:1-2)**

II. LIVING AS FREE SUBJECTS (1 PETER 2:16-17)

- A. Being God's people means we are free people **(1 Peter 2:16a; 1 Peter 2:10)**
 - 1. What does it mean to be free? **(John 8:31-36)**

 - 2. The greatest freedom is freedom from sin **(Romans 8:1-2)**

- B. Thinking rightly about freedom **(1 Peter 2:16)**
 - 1. Misuses of freedom prove residual bondage and rebellion **(1 Peter 2:16; 2 Peter 2:19)**

 - 2. True Freedom in Christ is evidenced by obedience to God **(1 Peter 2:16; Romans 6:15-19)**

 - 3. An example of living as a free subject **(Matthew 17:24-27)**

- C. General maxims for Exiles who live as free subjects **(1 Peter 2:17)**
 - 1. Honor everyone **(Romans 12:10b)**

 - 2. Love the brotherhood **(1 Peter 1:22-23; Romans 12:9-10)**

 - 3. Fear God **(Proverbs 24:21-22)**

 - 4. Honor the Emperor **(Romans 13:7)**

III. ABSOLUTE ALLEGIANCE AND CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE (ACTS 4:19; ACTS 5:29; ACTS 22:25-29)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What are the two realms that Christians live in? Which is meant to be supreme? Why?

2. What are some examples of doing good according to God's will? Why is doing good so important?

3. What does it mean to be free as a Christian?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good

Wise

Wrathful

Merciful

Just

Jealous

Faithful

Perfect

Holy

Gracious

Patient

Love

Other:

KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Bondage –

Honor –

Maxim –

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD