

1 Peter 2:13-25 Therefore, Submit Yourselves

7/5/09 - The Exchange

- I. Review
 - A. Reminder phase, us in Jesus, Jesus in us.
 - B. Transitional verses reminding us we are passing through and the need to represent to unbelievers so that they might be saved.
 - C. Introduced idea of submission begins in the Trinity, modeled for us by each member, most vividly by Jesus.
 - D. Context of application phase - living as an example of Jesus among unbelievers.
- II. 2:13-17 To the free man
 - A. 2:13 submit yourselves - imperative, you do it to yourself.
 1. Subjugate. put under the authority of another, cooperate, subordinate, yield, obey, assume responsibility, carry a burden. Military usage; to arrange troops under a leader.
 2. Not like playing uncle, not like training a dog to submit. Do it yourself, voluntarily.
 3. Peter uses it in the three examples here, means the same thing each time. Context for each?
 - B. 2:16 - free in terms of citizenship/status, bondservants of God. Suffering in business because of faith? Don't be a weasel.
 - C. 2:17 - Two couplets, contrasts, all imperative. Agapao.
 - D. Discussion on God's views of government
 1. Monarchy, republic (rule of law), democracy (rule of people).
 2. God's model - theocracy. Democracy is polar opposite.
 3. Romans 13:1-7 echoes Peter and more. Kent Hovind.
 4. Theocracy will be re-instituted and never end. Kingdom of God
 - E. Jesus, our example
 1. Render unto Caesar (Matthew 22:15-22)
 2. Tax coin out of fish mouth, didn't even have to pay that tax.
 3. Jesus' arrest, Peter's act based on wrong expectation of Messiah, could have called on an army of angels.
 4. Let Himself be arrested. Let Himself be scourged and crucified, having done nothing wrong.
 5. Put Himself in submission to a corrupt human government run by His fallen creation. Hello!
 6. Granted that was God's plan from eternity, but still a model.
 - F. Exceptions? When it conflicts with God's commands. Acts 3-4.
 - G. The point, obey the law out of obedience to God, and you will be a witness. Living as an example of Jesus among unbelievers
- III. 2:18-25 To the household servant
 - A. 2:18
 1. servants - household servant, not bonds slave.
 2. be submissive - not imperative as above, but keep on being.
 3. Good boss, bad boss, doesn't matter.
 - B. 2:21 Christian - one of Christ's. Disciple - a student, one who learns the ways of the master.
 1. We want the good and not the bad. All or nothing.
 2. It isn't all suffering, but that is a big part when doing it right.

C. 2:23

1. What kinds of things could He have said while being beaten?
2. While He was submitting to them, ultimately to the Father. Who do you work for? Living as an example of Jesus among unbelievers

D. 2:24

1. a - John 15:13 greater love has no one than this. Soldiers. Movies (like beginning of Trek). Jesus, not only for friends, but enemies. Rom. 5:8.
2. b - died to sins. Like mafia movies, "You're dead to me." Have we done that? Do we think that way about it?
3. c - healed. The only cure for our terminal disease is Jesus.

E. 2:25 Didn't know you were sick? Did you know you were lost too?

IV. Reminders

- A. Living as an example of Jesus among unbelievers.
- B. Called to suffering as Jesus was, but joy and power through it all.
- C. We have been healed and are dead to sin.
- D. We have been found and are under the protection of our Shepherd. Live it!
- E. Gospel, communion.