

FIRST PETER

Sure Hope for Unsure Days

Be Subject to Civil Authorities

1 Peter 2:13-17

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in heaven, you reign & rule with perfect wisdom, absolute power and lavish grace. Blessed be your name. You are King, Creator and Sovereign over all. May your Spirit cause your regal splendor be acknowledged & affirmed by all here this morning. Lord, we confess our foolish attempts to reign and rule and judge our lives. And we have come this morning to acknowledge the mess we have made. The foolishness we have promoted and the sorrow we have brought forward; all in an attempt to order and rule our own lives & those around us. Lord, our hearts are so determined to be in control. Grant your Spirit this morning that we might not only bow to your wise and good authority in our lives but also cause us to rest in it. Knowing that you are good and all that you do for us is good. Turn us away from “my kingdom come” to rejoice in Jesus Christ & pray for his “kingdom to come”. As we look together at your Word this morning, Savior and King, confirm & accomplish your reign in our lives again this morning. May repentance & faith spring up where rebellion and doubt once were and give us peace as we rest in your excellent rule over our lives. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Who to Submit? (2:13-14)
2. Why to Submit? (2:15)
3. How to Submit? (2:16-17)

Central Textual Truth

Peter calls the elect exiles to be subject to civil authorities.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to be subject to civil authorities for the Lord's sake.