

## THE SPIRITUALLY \_\_\_\_\_ BELIEVER

I Peter 2:17

Intro: As Peter summarizes his thoughts from verse 13-16 dealing with \_\_\_\_\_, he gives us four qualities that will be found in a spiritually submissive and mature believer.

### I. Honor all men

- A. **Honor**-To give \_\_\_\_\_ to people, to show respect
1. Rom 12:10 *Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.*
  2. Rom 13:7 *Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.*
  3. Phil 2:3 *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*
- B. **Adam Clarke Commentary**-Respect every man as a fellow creature, and as one who may be a fellow heir with you of eternal life; and therefore, be ready to give him every kind of help and assistance in your power.
- C. **Barnes NT Notes**-show them the respect which is due to them according to their personal worth, and to the rank and office which they sustain.
- D. **All men**- We are \_\_\_\_\_ created in the image of God and we all have an eternal soul. Those two truths will \_\_\_\_\_ change no matter a person's position in life.

### II. Honor the brotherhood

- A. **Love**-agapao, ag-ap-ah'-o
1. The kind of love that \_\_\_\_\_ is
    - a. 1John 4:8 *He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*
    - b. 1John 4:16 *And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*
  2. **JFB**-\_\_\_\_\_ love with the special and friendly affection that you ought to feel toward brethren, besides the general love to all men.
- B. **Brotherhood**-fellow \_\_\_\_\_
1. **Adam Clarke Commentary**-All true Christians, who form one great family of which God is the head.
  2. **Barnes NT Notes**-All Christians, regarded as a band of brothers and sisters.
  3. **Matthew Poole Commentary**-Though all men are deserving of honor, yet there is a more special affection given to believers
- C. Other references:
1. 1Peter 1:22 *Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*
  2. John 13:35 *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*
  3. Hebrews 13:1 *Let brotherly love continue.*

### III. Fear God (Brad so very adequately addressed this topic last week, and there is very little I can add)

- A. **Fear**
1. To regard somebody with profound \_\_\_\_\_; to treat with respect and a desire to \_\_\_\_\_ to their wishes; reverential obedience

2. Psalm 111:10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.*
3. Prov 23:17 *Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.*
4. Eccl 12:13 *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.*

B. **God**-the \_\_\_\_\_ Creator and Ruler of the universe.

#### IV. Honor the king

- A. **Honor**-different thought from the first use of the word in this verse. The thought here is that of \_\_\_\_\_ respect for the king, or supreme ruler in the government, because he is \_\_\_\_\_ the "king" as long as he reigns in his position.
- B. **King**-the one who has \_\_\_\_\_ over the people
  1. Prov 24: 21 *My son, fear the LORD and the king, and do not join with those who do otherwise,*
  2. Rom 13:1 *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*
  3. Tit 3:1 *Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,*

Concl: Obedience to these four commands of Scripture help in the development of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_. It is important that, as believers, we obey the commands that we read in Scripture applicable to the New Testament Believer. It is also necessary that we understand that obedience to any command of Scripture can only come through the \_\_\_\_\_ of God Himself in us, who is the blessed Holy Spirit who lives within us.