

**Authority**  
1 Peter 2:9-12  
*Family and Relationships*  
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Peter recommended submission to authority in troubled times.

1. We submit to authority because of our **alien** status. – 2.11
  - a. We are **pilgrims** (strangers)
  - b. We are **resident aliens** – (sojourners)
  
2. We submit to authority because of our high **calling and purpose**. – verse 9-10
  - a. We are chosen **specifically**
  - b. We are chosen **purposefully**
  
3. We submit to authority in order to **put to shame** the evildoers. – verse 12a, 15-16; 3.13-16
  - a. We can shame those that **redefine** goodness
  - b. We can shut the mouths of **ignorant attackers**
  
4. We submit to authority in order that even the wicked **Glorify God** at Christ's return. - Verse 12b, Matt 5.16; 9.8; 1 Peter 4.16.

How can we live this?

- **Reconcile** yourself to being a pilgrim, alien, sojourner and a stranger in this world.
- **Resist** the urge to be a rebel at heart. Ultimate authority is God's authority.
- **Rejoice** in the truth of your permanent inheritance.