

## 1 Peter: Shaped by the Gospel

# # 4: "Submitting ... God

### "The Message

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#### Introduction

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We are shaped by the gospel: the gospel changes who we are, and calls us to live according to our new identity.

We will look at the question: how does the gospel shape my my interaction with the authorities in my life?

##### Idea of the message

To submit to human authority is to submit to God

#### The Message

<b>What is</b>	<b>What could be</b>
<p><b>authority structures</b> V. 13-14</p> <p>There are structures of authority in life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>owner, manager, team lead</li><li>Principal, teacher, assistant</li></ul> <p>In each environment (examples)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What are yours? (Boss, teacher, police, parents)</li></ul> <p>Authority annoys us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>How do you feel when they tell you what to do?</li><li>Since childhood it bothers us</li><li>We do not like having authority over us</li></ul> <p>How do we react to authority?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rebel directly</li><li>Rebel sneakily</li></ul>	<p><b>It could be different</b></p> <p>Being formed by the gospel can transform how we see the authorities in our lives.</p> <p>First, we must see why we react this way to authority:</p>
<b>We want to be the god of our world</b>	<b>To follow Christ is to make him your God</b>

<p>Since Satan and Adam and Eve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ezekiel 28:11-19</li> <li>• Isaiah 14:12-17</li> <li>• Genesis 3:5</li> </ul> <p>We decided what we are going to do, not by what authority says, but:</p> <p>1 - to get what we want 2 - to avoid bad consequences</p> <p>when achieving these goals is consistent with what the authority says it is a coincidence</p> <p>This attitude extends to all, even after submitting to God</p>	<p>Everything changes when we submit to God</p> <p>V 13</p> <p>It assumes that you have submitted to God</p> <p>This is a False Assumption Test: we will not submit to God when he speaks (something that says you have not done)</p> <p>In its essence, being a Christian is telling God: “you are my God”</p> <p>Transition: But this only changes our relationship with God, it says nothing about the other authorities in our lives</p>
<p><b>We think that submission to other authorities is not related to God</b></p> <p>"I would never disrespect God (like I do my boss, the police, my teacher, parent etc)</p> <p>We want to be the God of our world, any authority reminds us that we are not</p> <p>We ended up being rebellious to all</p>	<p><b>To submit to human authority is to submit to God</b></p> <p>The gospel shapes how we respond to any authority in the life</p> <p>When we submit to God's authority, we are freed from having to be our own God and we submit to all authority that God has instituted in the world</p> <p>V 15 In our submission to authority, we demonstrate the reality of our submission to God</p> <p>V 16 The Christian uses his freedom in Christ as a person who is a slave of God Free, but not license I don't authority, I serve God, and this makes me obey authority</p> <p>V 17 When we submit to God, the gospel changes our rebellious attitude into an attitude of honoring</p> <p>Transition: Why is submitting so important?</p>
<p><b>Our rebellion makes God look bad</b></p> <p>V15 and V 12</p>	<p><b>Our submission gives glory to God</b></p> <p>V 15</p>

<p>Rebellion among Christians is the cause of criticism (justifiably) by outsiders</p> <p>in the same way when my kid throws a fit in public, it makes me look bad</p> <p>Our purpose is in everything to make God look good (to give him glory)</p>	<p>God wants us to submit to them because it quiets the critics, and give glory to him</p> <p>like when my kids are obedient</p> <p>Transition: We make excuses for not submitting</p>
<p><b>I submit if I agree</b></p> <p>We believe that authority comes from capacity/ability, or deserving it, or by first respecting us, or being right in what they ask</p> <p>one of these always gives us a good excuse to not submit.</p>	<p><b>Authority comes from God</b></p> <p>For this reason it is always right, even when it isn't right :)</p> <p>V 13-14</p> <p>Romans 13:1</p> <p>Authority is based on the fact that it comes from God, not how much the person deserves to have it</p> <p>Transition: Another excuse is:</p>
<p><b>I serve Christ</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Only God can judge me</li> <li>● Who are you to tell me what to do?</li> </ul> <p>V 16</p> <p>When we serve Christ, we can have an attitude of contempt for human authority</p> <p>to be in Christ, we respond to higher authority, then we could be free, feel that we don't have to submit to the lower authorities</p>	<p><b>Freedom is no excuse for rebellion</b></p> <p>V 16</p> <p>Freedom is not a pretext for rebellion</p> <p>Being subject to God, I submit to other</p> <p>Transition: Here we come to the real reason that we do not yield to any authority:</p>
<p><b>We can not submit</b></p> <p>Even when we would like to</p>	<p><b>look to Christ</b></p> <p>V 13</p> <p>When he asks us to submission, he first points us to Christ,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● He was submissive to the Jewish authorities (bad)</li> <li>● He was submissive to the Roman authorities (unfair)</li> <li>● He was submissive to the will of His Father (hard)</li> </ul> <p>In his example we find our model</p>

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<p><b>Next Step</b></p> <p>Christian:  Submit to God by submitting to human authority.  Obey the authorities in your life as if God, for your submission to them is your submission to God.  What authority in your life that you are not submitting?  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could you honor your Father by submitting to the authority he has placed in your life?</li> </ul> </p> <p>Non-Christian:  Submit your life to God, to give the head place in your life; letting him be the boss, letting him be your God  By repenting and being baptized</p>	<p><b>Why do it</b></p> <p>You'll be letting God thruly be your God</p> <p>It will be obvious to everyone: at work, at school, on your team, and that you are serving a higher authority.</p>

### **Communion**

recall the submission of Jesus when he went to the cross as his submission to God, as his submission to the Jewish authorities and Roman.  
His submission made us part of the family of God, therefore, we submit to God, and also to human authorities.