

# 1 Peter 07 – 2:13-17

## 1. 2:12 – Under Gentile Authority

- a. 2:12 – Scattered remnant were being accused by the Gentiles for disobedience
- b. There was a problem of speaking evil of rulers – 2 Pet 2:10,12; Jude 8
- c. This was against the law – Exo 22:28
- d. It is dishonorable – Acts 23:5, Titus 3:2
- e. “Honest conversation” – two words that have lost meaning
- f. Solution: Be of good behavior (2:13)
- g. Do not blaspheme God’s name (Exo 20:7) Rom 2:24, 2 Samuel 12:9,13
- h. So that they will report well to God at the judgment – Matt 5:16,
- i. Gentiles get rewards at the judgment according to their treatment - Matt 25:31-40

## 2. 2:13-15 – Submit Yourselves

- a. 2:13 - This was a question of jurisdiction – Matt 22:21
- b. Rebellion is not an option here, there are always higher powers
- c. Israel gave up on God as King - 2 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-11
- d. Submit *def.* – to yield to the will or authority of another, to let the other judge
- e. Submission is not agreement, patronage, or weak; it is right – Prov 17:11
- f. God ordained powers to minister good, and punish evil – Gen 9:6, Rom 13:1-4
- g. 2:14 - Submit unto them as them that are sent to praise the good
- h. 2:15 – The will of God, that with well doing...
  - i. 1 Tim 2:4 – compared to God’s will in salvation and doctrine
  - ii. Titus 2:10 – Adorn the doctrine, vs. Blaspheme the name

## 3. 2:16-17 – The Law of Liberty

- a. The truth shall set you free - John 8:32
- b. They are not under the old law; but under the new law – Heb 8:10
- c. The liberty is from the old law – Heb 8:6-12, 9:15-16
- d. Be doers of the word, not hearers only - James 1:22-26
- e. The law of liberty – James 2:9-12, Psalm 119:1,18,29,34,44-45
- f. “Honour all men” – Exo 20:12
- g. “Fear of the Lord” – Psalm 111:10, Prov 1:7 (reverence )
  - i. We are not in bondage to fear - Rom 8:15