

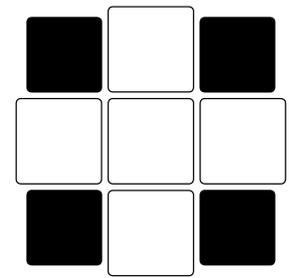
Gospel Relationships

Scripture: **1 Peter 2:13-25**

Series: **Standing in Grace**

Sunday, October 5, 2014

Corroborating Texts: Ephesians 5:18; Micah 6:8; Romans 6:1-14



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Overview

We should seek gospel relationships in our lives. These gospel relationships require submission, godliness, suffering, and are built upon Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Discussion Questions

1. Remember what Pastor Joe said about having a list? Have you ever had a list (whether written or not) of people and institutions that deserve or don't deserve your grace? Is this appropriate? Why or why not?
2. Look at verses 13 and 14. What is biblical submission? [the willing denial of self for another (cf. Ephesians 5:18).] What does it look like to submit to governing bodies and leaders?
3. What are the wrong motives that we might have for submitting to the government? What *should* our motive be? [the glory of God] What is the significance of the phrase "for the Lord's sake" in verse 13?
4. Look at verses 15-17. God's will is for us to do good. This is godliness. What does godliness look like? [cf. Micah 6:8] What does doing good do? [it silences fools] What are challenges for us to pursue godliness when it comes to submitting to governing bodies? What circumstances would make this more difficult?
5. Look at verse 16 (cf. Romans 6:1-4). What have we been set free from? [sin] What does this mean for us? [sin has no authority over us (power) and guilt is removed (penalty).] Are you living in light of this truth? Why or why not?
6. Look at verse 17. What does this verse mean? [no lists] What is distinctive about each of these four phrases? How can you live each of these components more truthfully this week?
7. Look at verses 18-20. What injustices do we experience now? How are people in our group suffering now? What does it mean to "endure sorrow"? What were the circumstances that Peter and others at this time faced? How does knowing this change the significance of this passage in our eyes? How does it encourage us to suffer unjustly now?
8. Look at verses 21-25. Why are we called to suffering? [Christ's suffering as an example] How did Christ suffer? Why was this so difficult for him? Why is it difficult for us to endure suffering likewise? How do we imitate Christ in this? How is this possible? [Our repentance empowers our participation to suffer well.]