



HOW THEN SHOULD WE LIVE? **Honorable Submission and Holy Suffering**

(The Power of a Beautiful Life, Part 2)

1 Peter 2:13-25

“There is a ‘flow’ to human history and culture. This flow is rooted in what people think. And, what they think will determine how they act. The results of people’s thinking flows through their fingers and off their tongues into the world in which we live.”

Francis Schaeffer

“In Scripture, the believer’s submission to human authorities is always partial and proximate; blind obedience is never required and civil disobedience has historically been necessary. Should we ever be issued a command that is sinful, we rightly live according to Acts 5:29, that ‘We must obey God rather than men.’”

Daniel Doriani

“Always stay humble and kind!”

Tim McGraw

I. Our Honorable Submission to Authority (2:13-19)

A. The Role of Governing Authority **Romans 13:1-7**

B. The Role of “Good” Citizens

1. Prayerful for Leaders **1 Timothy 2:1-6**
2. Honorable toward All **1 Peter 2:17**
3. Faithful to the LORD **Acts 5:29**

C. The Power of a “Good” Life (*Kalos: Beautiful/Lovely/Attractive*)

1. Silences those who call you Bad (*Kakos: Wicked/Evil*)
2. Witnesses and possibly Wins some
3. Glorifies God on that “Day” He returns

II. Our Expectation of Holy Suffering (vs. 20-21)

Peter has warned “not to be surprised” and even to “expect” them:

1 Peter 1:6-7, 2:20-21, 3:14, 4:1, 12-16, 5:9

- A. Peter and Paul both called upon others to submit to governing authorities (Rome)
- B. Peter and Paul both died by the State (Rome)
- C. Gulp! **vs. 21** “That you may follow in his steps....”

III. Just Like Jesus (vs. 21-25)

- A. Our Suffering Servant **Isaiah 53:4-6**
- B. Our Faithful Shepherd **Psalms 23**

1 Peter 2:13-25

13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. 19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls

Romans 13:1-7

1 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2 Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. 4 For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. 6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. 7 Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Isaiah 53:4-6

4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.