

Household Codes: Believers and the Government

1 Peter 2:13-17 (page 702 or 873)

Main Truth

Christians are called to submit to the government as an act of submission to God.

Structure Thoughts

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Reflection Question

If you were on trial right now, would your good deeds silence your accusers?