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# THE GRACE OF SUBMISSION

## (1 PETER 2:13-3:7)

# WHAT IS 1 PETER ABOUT?

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- ▶ 1 Peter 5:12 NASB95- Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!
  - ▶ **EXHORTING**- parakaléō (from 3844 /pará, "from close-beside" and 2564 /kaléō, "to call") – properly, "make a call" from being "close-up and personal." 3870 /parakaléō ("personally make a call") refers to believers offering up evidence that stands up in God's court.
  - ▶ **TESTIFYING**- epimartyréō (from 1909 /epí, "on, fitting," intensifying 3140 /martyréō, "to witness") – properly, to witness about the work God has done (is doing) in a fitting, suitable way

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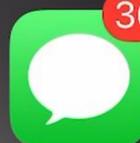


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- ▶ Using either a dictionary or your own words please define submission.
  - ▶ hupotassó: to place or rank under, to subject, to obey, to yield to one's control.
  - ▶ Usage: I place under, subject to; mid, pass: I submit, put myself into subjection.
  - ▶ Submission is not the same as agreement
  - ▶ Luke 2:51 NASB- And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued to be subject to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

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- ▶ In 1 Peter 2:13-14 we are called to submit to who? Why might this be difficult to accomplish? (See Romans 13:1-7; Titus 1:10-12; 3:1-3)
- ▶ To every human authority, those in government aren't always honorable.

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- ▶ Romans 13:1-7 CSB- Let everyone submit to the governing authorities, since there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are instituted by God. [2] So then, the one who resists the authority is opposing God's command, and those who oppose it will bring judgment on themselves. [3] For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you want to be unafraid of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will have its approval. [4] For it is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because it does not carry the sword for no reason. For it is God's servant, an avenger that brings wrath on the one who does wrong. [5] Therefore, you must submit, not only because of wrath but also because of your conscience. [6] And for this reason you pay taxes, since the authorities are God's servants, continually attending to these tasks. [7] Pay your obligations to everyone: taxes to those you owe taxes, tolls to those you owe tolls, respect to those you owe respect, and honor to those you owe honor.

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- ▶ Titus 1:12-13a CSB- One of their very own prophets said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." [13] This testimony is true.
- ▶ Titus 3:1-3 NASB- Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, [2] to slander no one, not to be contentious, to be gentle, showing every consideration for all people. [3] For we too were once foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

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- ▶ What group is address in 1 Peter 2:18-20? Why might this be difficult to accomplish?
- ▶ Slaves; There are unjust and unrighteous rulers and masters

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- ▶ According to 1 Peter 2:19-20 who is receiving the grace?
- ▶ New American Bible- But what credit is there if you are patient when beaten for doing wrong? But if you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God.
- ▶ English Standard Version- 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
- ▶ NASB 1995- For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.

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- ▶ For the grace God's given you, would you like to show grace to Him?

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- ▶ 1 Peter 2:11-12 CSB- Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul. [12] Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that when they slander you as evildoers, they will observe your good works and will glorify God on the day he visits.
- ▶ Evangelism is living lives of proclamation and good behavior.
- ▶ Matthew 5:14-16 CSB- [14] “You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. [15] No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. [16] In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.