CHRISTIAN SUBMISSION

1 Peter 2:11–3:7

Key Verse: 2:21

1. How did Peter address believers, and why? (2:11a) What direction did he give them? (11b) What can we learn here about Christian life? What other direction did Peter give? (12; cf. Mt5:16) How and why do our internal struggles affect how we live in society? What can we learn here about living as God’s people in the world?
2. In what practical ways should we submit in society, and how should we view its leaders? (13,14) What is God’s will for us, and how might people misunderstand Christians? (15) How should we use our God-given freedom in Christ? (16) How does Peter summarize how we should treat all kinds of people? (17)
3. How should Christian “slaves” submit to all kinds of masters, and how might this apply to us today? (18–20) Why does submission begin with “reverent fear of God”? What does it mean to be “conscious of God”? How does this help us handle unjust and harsh treatment from others?
4. Read verse 21. To what is God calling us all? What example did Christ give us? (22,23) Why is this so hard to do? How does Christ’s death on a cross change us? (24) What else does Jesus do for us? (25) How do these verses help us follow Christ’s example?
5. How should wives practice Christian submission toward their husbands, and why is this so important? (3:1–6) How should husbands submit to their wives, and why? (7)