

Redeemed Christian Church of God

Bethel

Servant Heart Servant Church



SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITIES

"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake:
whether it be to the king, as supreme" 1Peter 2:13

FULL BIBLE PASSAGE: 1Peter 2:13-17

Weekly Services

Sunday Service Times: Sunday: 10am - 12:30pm

Prayer service: Friday: 7pm - 8:30pm

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Christ's Prayer For Man

I am in them and you are in me. May they experience
such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent
me and that you love them as much as you love me.

John 17:23

Let's Keep In Touch!

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God instituted certain authorities to coordinate various affairs on his behalf on Earth (Rom.13:1-2). Everyone is expected to submit to governing authorities as long as they are not demanding that you do what is un-godly, unconstitutional, in-humane or un-ethical, where this is the case, you might need to evaluate your position in that organisation (1Pet.2:13-17, Titus 3:1, Ps. 1:1-3). Servants must submit to their masters (Col.3:22; 1Pet.2:18-21). Wives must submit in all meekness to their husbands (Col 3:18; Eph. 6:1-3). Ultimately, all of God's creations (including all authorities) must submit to God (Ps.72:11; Isa.66:23).

OUTLINES:

1. Reasons For Submission
2. Consequences Of Rebellion

REASONS FOR SUBMISSION

Some people submit to authorities for diverse reasons ranging from personal gain, eye-service, etc. However, reasons for submission include the following:

1. God commanded it (Rom 13:1-2; Heb. 13:17)
2. It is an act of obedience and honour to God (Mk. 14:36, John 17:4)
3. To present ourselves as good examples of Christ (Phil.2:5-9)
4. To obtain grace from God (Jas.4:6)
5. It establishes the pathway to our promotion to greater responsibilities (1Pet.5:6)
6. It ensures the believer's victory over the devil (Jas.4:7)

CONSEQUENCES OF REBELLION

Rebellion is the opposite of submission and it is an act of insubordination or resistance to constituted authorities which could be motivated by pride, hatred, etc. Rebellion comes with grave consequences.



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These include:

1. Demotion (either temporal or permanent) - Nebuchadnezzar was proud and he lived like a beast in the field for seven years (Dan 4:30-33).
2. Loss of authority and position - Vashti dishonoured her husband, the king and lost her position to Esther (Esth. 1:11-12; 2:1-4).
3. Destruction - Pharaoh consistently disdained God and he perished together with his army in the Red Sea (Ex. 14:26-28; Ps 135:8-9).
4. Loss of destiny - Samson rejected the instructions of his parents and his life and destiny were cut short (Jg. 14:1-3; 16:20-21).
5. Untimely death - Korah, Dathan and Abiram rebelled against the authority of God and were buried alive (Num. 16:1-33, 26:9-10; 1Sam 2:22; 4:10-11)

CONCLUSION

There is no authority that is without the knowledge of God (Rom.13:1). Believers in Christ must therefore see submission to every authority as service to God in so far as the authorities themselves are submitted to the God's will and purposes. Where there is a clear conflict between God's will and the organisation's ungodly ideas, the believer might have to quit their position to avoid compromise and complicity.

What's On

Our **weekly** service will be taking place this Friday at 7pm-8:30pm. This will be a time of prayer and Fellowship in the presence of God.

Stay connected in fellowship by joining one of the weekly **House Fellowship** groups. It is a wonderful time of fun, bonding and growing in God's word together. Kindly speak to Sister Remy for further details,