

"God & Governments"
1 Peter 2:11-17

1. In this section Peter speaks to specific ways that Christians can behave differently from the world.

Like 1 Peter 1:1, how does Peter refer to believers in Christ?

Since our citizenship is in Heaven, what two things does Peter urge believers to do in verses 11 and 12?

2. How might living a life above reproach serve as a witness to the world?

How can our lives glorify God (v.12) and seek to win others to faith in Him?

3. Peter then speaks of our Christian conduct as citizens in verses 13-17. We are to be responsible to obey the law and submit to authorities. What (or Who) is to be our motivation for obedience (v.13)?

4. What is another result of living out an excellent behavior that honors God (v.15)?

5. This section concludes with a four-point summary of our Christian citizenship. What are these four points?

_____ all people
_____ the brotherhood
_____ God
_____ the king

6. Like in 1 Peter 1:17, we see the exhortation in 1 Peter 2:17 to "fear God". If the fear being described in 1 Peter does not mean to live in "terror" of God, then how would you describe this fear?

How should this "fear" govern our behavior as citizens of Heaven?