

## Bible Study 5 – Behaviour towards authority – 1 Peter 2:11-25

*How should we relate to the people around us who don't share our Christian faith? Should we be afraid of being infected by their wickedness and separate ourselves from them as much as possible – as some Christian groups have done throughout our history? Should we take an antagonistic attitude toward them? How should we respond if the media slanders the good name of the Christian church, or if Christian people are murdered because of their commitment to Christ? How we behave at work and in society will impact how other people view our God.*

<b>The context</b>	The purpose of the book is for “encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it” (1 Pt. 5:12). The central theme is to stand firm in the faith during suffering and persecution. Every chapter refers to suffering. It deals with the believer’s privileges & duties (1:1-2:10), relationships (2:11-4:6), and service & suffering (4:7-5:14). It begins by reminding them of their secure future and the need for holiness and love for one another. Then because they are holy, believers are to show godly behaviour towards authorities, towards their spouse, and towards all believers.
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### ***PART 1 Read & summarise each section – 1 Peter 2:11-25***

Daily behaviour (v.11-12)	
Submit to authorities (v.13-17)	
Submit to employers (v.18-20)	
Christ’s example (v.21-25)	

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

***1. What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.***

***2. What I learnt about people like us.***

***3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.***

***4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?***

***5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?***

***6. When might Christians need to endure “unjust treatment” or being treated badly for no good reason (v.19)?***

***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

Let’s show our allegiance to Christ by how we live and respect authority.



## Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?  
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

## Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

## Prayer

**Date:**

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

**Who needs help?** What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

