

Sunday, March 7, 2021  
“Hope-Filled Living”  
Summary of Submission to Authority  
1 Peter 2:13-17  
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From his own experience, Peter knew well that life for Christian exiles in a volatile political environment is a high stakes drama. In that light, Peter calls for us to be good—holy!—citizens, taking our place under earthly leaders, commending to them and our fellow citizens the ultimate lordship of Christ and their accountability to Him. We are not to be disrespectful but civil to magistrates and pray for them, because our wellbeing in this world is ordinarily tied up in theirs. By doing these things, we’re not saying that government is God. Rather, we’re saying that God has freed us to serve Him, and in His service there is no license to dishonor earthly authorities. To the contrary, God has made it our obligation to respect His ordinance of government.

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