

The Biblical Concept of Freedom: The Invisible War: Political Surrogates of the Luciferian Agenda, Eph 6:12; Believers Mandated to Submit to Temporal Authorities, 1 Pet 2:13-15

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1 Peter 2:9 - For you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

As ambassadors for Christ we are to advance to height of *promachoi* – front rankers in the phalanx of the Lord's army. Our battle is not with the evil forces of this world, a point emphasized by Paul in:

Ephesians 6:12 - Because our combat is not against blood and flesh, but against general officers, against commissioned officers, against special-forces guerrillas and fifth-column spies of the Dark Side, against the demonic rank-and-file warriors of evil who populate the atmosphere.

The failures of our national leadership are the direct result of Christians suffering tactical losses to these demonic forces. The politicians are the front men for the commanding officers of the Luciferian counterattack against this client nation. Our battle is against them, not their sycophantic surrogates that currently do their bidding.

Jesus Christ controls history on behalf of the pivot. He will protect us. He will defend us. His is not caught unaware of our impending plight. He is riding point and we must follow His orders which are clearly stipulated by Peter in his first Epistle:

1 Peter 2:13 - Submit [ὑποτάσσω, *hupotassō*] yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,

v. 14 - or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

The verb *submit* is the aorist passive imperative of the verb *hupotassō*. This verb is a compound that literally translated means "to stand in line under the authority of another." The translation *submit* fully captures this idea. It is in the imperative mood and is a positive command to do specific things stated in context.

Those addressed are mentioned in verse 9 as "a royal priesthood." We are royal priests within a specialized priesthood designated for all Church-Age believers who function under Jesus Christ as our High Priest. Therefore the introductory phrase is, "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake."

I used to be confused by the term "the Lord's sake." But it speaks of the motivation required of the believer to fulfill a mandate. It is the proposition **διά, dia**, translated "because" or "for the cause of," plus the accusative of the proper noun **Κύριος, Kurios**: "Submit yourselves for the cause of Christ."

To what are we to submit? Every human institution. In context this makes reference to the form of government which is in authority over the national entity in which we reside. Our form of government is a republic in which the people by means of elections grant plenipotentiary authority to individuals to represent them in the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Presidency. This speaks of nationalism, not internationalism. All international arrangements that grant to one centralized governing body authority over the citizens of its several member states are satanic.

This command recorded by Peter references the Roman Republic. Its application to us regards the United States' Republic. Jesus Christ controls history and it is important to remember that He writes off on all who ascend to positions of political power.

John 19:10 - Pilate said to Jesus, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?"

v. 11a - Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above."

It is for this reason that we are to submit to our legitimate human authorities. It can refer to the one who is highest in rank, e.g., the "king" or those to whom he delegates authority, e.g., "governors."

Verse 14 gives the example of governors which in the Roman Republic made reference to the man who was in charge of a province. We have studied in the past of how Pontius Pilate held the rank of prefect and was in charge of the district of Judea. Over him were the governor and the procurator who were based in Caesarea.

We have a president of the country plus a governor for the individual states, commissioners for counties, and mayors of the various cities. They have at their disposal agencies that enforce the law: (1) the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (2) the highway patrol, (3) sheriff and deputies, and (4) police respectively.

These authorities are referenced by Paul through the examples of king and governors.

1 Peter 2:13 - Submit yourselves for the cause of Christ to every human institution, whether to a king [**president, governor, etc.**] as one in authority,

v. 14 - or to law enforcement personnel as sent by him for the punishment of evil doers and the praise of those who obey the law.

The next verse observes the power to which all must submit, from the king down to the individual citizen:

1 Peter 2:15 - For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

Submission to human authorities is said to be the "will of God," which means that such persons are recognized in His plan as having legitimate authority. That they misuse and abuse that authority is not a consideration. God writes off on those the free wills of men allow to acquire and maintain power. As volition chooses, so must volition submit.

If a believer violates human laws, then human authority is granted the prerogative to punish. If human authority abuses his authority he falls under the justice of God. We are not delegated jurisdiction in either sphere except through subsequent elections and, on rare occasions, impeachment.

Thus we are mandated to “do right,” the present active participle of the verb **ἀγαθοποιέω, agathopoieō**. This is a compound verb made up of two elements: (1) **ποιέω, poieō**: to do, and (2) **ἀγαθός, agathos**: good of intrinsic value. This verb form is liner *aktionsart* which means in context that we are to conform to the regulations imposed upon us by law on a continuing basis.

This conformity refers to orientation to the laws of divine establishment and amounts to service to the country in two ways: (1) the function of the four divine institutions and (2) the function of good citizenship.

To produce good of intrinsic value with regard to nationalism requires us to use our volition to live peaceably with our fellow citizens, adhere to the principles of the right man-right woman relationship, the training of children to produce good of intrinsic value, and the appreciation and support of the capitalistic system of economy which demands personal responsibility.

With regard to citizenship, the believer is to pay his taxes, vote, serve on juries, obey the law, serve in or actively support the military services, and because of the freedom provided by this system to take advantage of one’s freedom to freely exercise his religion.