



1st PETER

Hope, in a world that is not our home.

1 Peter 2:11-25

1 Peter 2:11-12 – Sojourners and pilgrims

- Question 1

- Explain the phrase “sojourners and pilgrims” and how this is applied to Christians. What impact is this to have on our actions and conduct? (1 Peter 2:11-12)

1 Peter 2:11-12 – Sojourners and pilgrims

- V.11 – “As sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lust that war against the soul”
 - Sojourners and pilgrims – This world is not our home; our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20)
 - As such, do not act like those of the world who fulfill the lust of the flesh

1 Peter 2:11-12 – Sojourners and pilgrims

- V.12 – Our conduct is to be honorable
 - The reason is so those who would speak evil of you would be won to the faith through your conduct
 - Our conduct and example can and does make a difference
 - Philippians 3:17; 1 Corinthians 1:11 – Follow the example of those who follow the example of Christ

1 Peter 2:13-17 – Walk worthy before civil government

- Question 2
 - How are Christians to conduct themselves before civil authorities? Why?

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- V.12-15 – Christians are to submit themselves to civil authorities
 - Submit – to put under in rank
 - To the “king” and/or “governors”
 - King – directly applied to the emperor but also applied to all who might have civil government authority
 - Governors – those over provinces and there to carry out the king’s orders

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- V.12-15 – Christians are to submit themselves to civil authorities
 - This is done “for the Lord’s sake”
 - It is “the will of God”
 - We are submitting to God

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- V.12-15 – Christians are to submit themselves to civil authorities
 - In doing so we “may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men”
 - By bringing ourselves under subjection it will put to silence those who are looking for a cause to speak against us
 - Daniel 6 – There was no account against Daniel that could be found by the other governors

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- Question 3
 - How are Christians to understand their liberty in Christ?

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- V.16 – Understanding our liberty in Christ
 - “as free, not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God”
 - We are free in Christ, but we are not free to participate in wickedness
 - We are a bondservant of Christ
 - Romans 6 – We are no longer slaves to sin but are now slaves to righteousness (we have a new master)

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- V.17 – Proper conduct before all
 - “Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.”
 - Have a proper attitude and conduct before all

1 Peter 2:18-25 – Walk worthy as a servant

- Question 4

- Who are servants to submit to? Is this only when they are treated well? What is the application for us today?

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- V.18-20 – Servants are to submit to their masters
 - This is not limited to those who are “good masters” but even to those who are “harsh”

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- V.18-20 – Servants are to submit to their masters
 - “This is commendable before God”
 - If one “endures grief, suffering wrongfully” because of their “conscience toward God”
 - It is commendable that, because of one’s conscience toward God, they willingly submit to God and suffer as a result

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- V.18-20 – Servants are to submit to their masters
 - “This is commendable before God”
 - If one is “beaten for their faults” and “takes it patiently”, there is no credit, they are deserving of the punishment
 - If one does “good and suffers” and “takes it patiently” this is commendable
 - They suffered for doing God’s will

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- Question 5
 - What is the example Christ gave us regarding suffering?

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- V.21-25 – Example of Christ suffering
 - “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps”
 - “A disciple is not above *his* teacher, nor a servant above his master” (Matthew 10:24)
 - We are to count the cost of being a disciple (Luke 14:25-33; Luke 9:57-58)

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- V.21-25 – Example of Christ suffering
 - Christ's example of suffering for good
 - He was wrongfully crucified – “Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth” (Isaiah 53:9)
 - He was reviled but He did not revile in return
 - He suffered but He did not threaten
 - He committed Himself to God
 - He bore our sins in His own body on the tree

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- V.21-25 – Example of Christ suffering
 - The result of His suffering
 - “That we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness”
 - “having died to sin” – Romans 6:2, context of baptism and submitting to a new master
 - We are healed by His stripes
 - We “were like sheep going astray but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls”