

HOW ARE BELIEVERS TO BEHAVE IN THE MIDST OF AN UNGODLY WORLD?

Part 1 Behavior In Relation to Government

Submit, obey, honor and pray

Titus 3:1a

I. REMEMBER HOW YOU ARE TO BEHAVE TOWARDS AN UNSAVED, UNGODLY WORLD: Yielding to the authority instituted by God, doing good to all men (1-2)

A. OUR BEHAVIOR IN RELATION TO GOVERNMENT: **Submit, obey, honor and pray**, that God would be glorified and people might be saved

1. Continually be in **subjection and obey those** in authority over you (1)

2. **Why be in obedient submission to government?**
 - a) It is a command, based on our new identity in Christ (1, cf 2-8)

 - b) God alone has instituted authority, it is His servant, whether good or bad (Romans 13:1-7, John 19:9-11)

 - c) God is using our righteous behavior in an unbelieving world to silence and save, bringing glory to Himself (1Peter 2:12-17)

3. **Do we submit in everything?** (Daniel, Acts 5)

4. Other commands concerning authority: **Honor and pray for them** (Romans 13:7; Peter 2:17; 1Timothy 2:1-6)

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NEXT WEEK

B. **Our Behavior In Relation to All Men:** Patiently do good not evil (1b-2)

II. **REMEMBER WHO YOU ONCE WERE BEFORE GOD SAVED YOU: Just like them (3)**

III. **REMEMBER WHAT GOD DID FOR YOU BY HIS MERCY AND GRACE IN CHRIST: He saved us, cleansing, renewing and justifying us, bringing eternal life (4-7)**