

Grace Group Study Guide
Hashtag- Week 9: The Government

1. Be subject.

- 1 Peter 2:9-12. How does the Bible describe Christians? How can we apply this to how we conduct ourselves within our nation?
- How would you define submission? (Phil. 2:5-11)
- 1 Peter 2:13. How would you define being subject to “every human institution”?
- What do we learn from the biblical examples of people who chose allegiance to God over earthly governments? (Exodus 1:17; Daniel 3:13-18; Acts 4:18-20; 5:27-29; Hebrews 11:23)
- How does Romans 13:1 help us understand submission to earthly governments?
- 1 Peter 2:13-14. How are we to understand Peter’s words? What was the political climate in Peter’s day as he penned words about Christian submission?

2. For this is the will of God.

- 1 Peter 2:15-16. According to this passage, what is God’s will for Christians?
- Define doing good.
- What does it mean to live as free people? (John 8:31-32) How does true freedom empower us to live godly lives within our governmental context? (1 John 5:3-5)
- How must our freedom reveal good instead of covering up evil? (James 1:25)

2. God’s servants

- 1 Peter 2:17
 - What four concepts does Peter stress?
 - Take a moment to discuss each concept within the context of Christian submission.
 - How does Peter always make a point to teach that human leaders are not divine?
 - According to Peter, how should Christians order their loyalties?