

the resurrected life

Studies from 1&2 Peter

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(5:12-13)

TO: PERSECUTED
CHRISTIANS
— IN —
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(2:12,
3:16,
4:16)



1 PETER

1 PETER 2:13-17

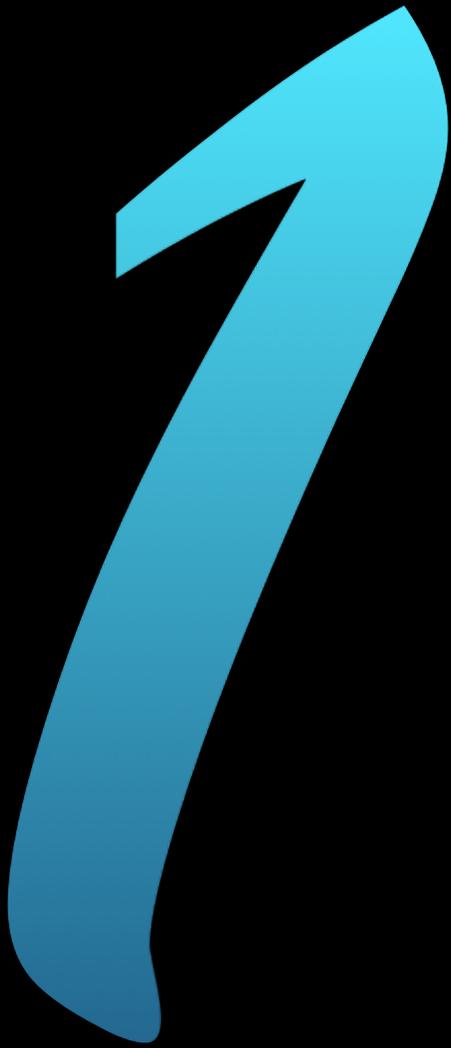
13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, **14** or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. **16** Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves."

17 Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

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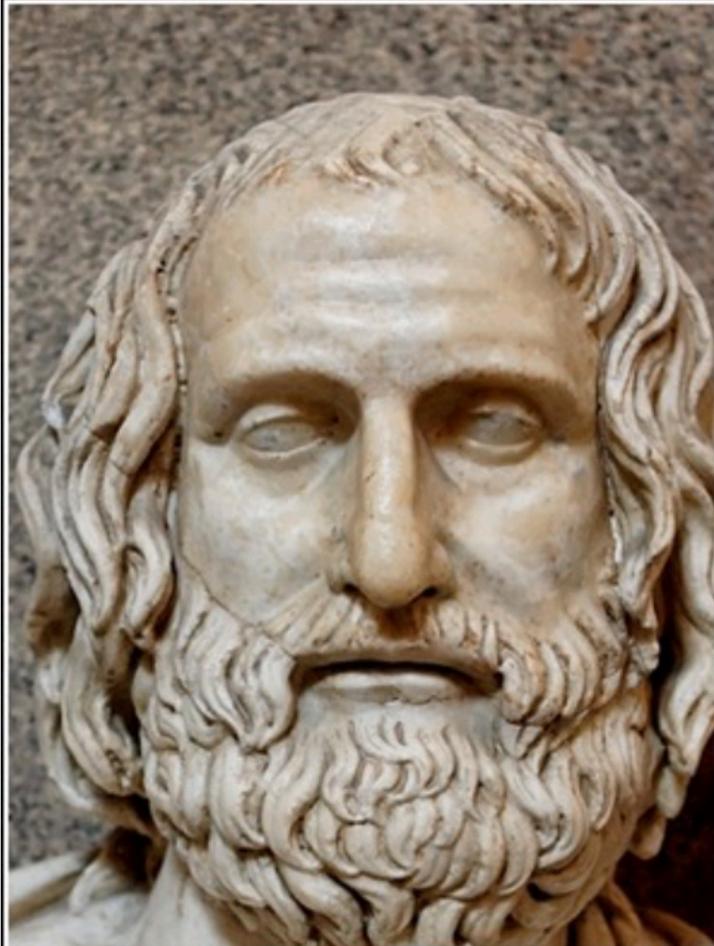


**What is
Christian
Freedom?**

Freedom

Noun: the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint.

Dictionary.com



No one is truly free, they are a slave to wealth, fortune, the law, or other people restraining them from acting according to their will.

— *Euripides* —

AZ QUOTES

Freedom is the state that emerges after God has acted to remove all hindrances — social, spiritual (sin and death), economic, and institutional, that block our creational purpose. This purpose is to know, love, worship, and enjoy God forever.



The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.

Exodus 7:16

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do — living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.

They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

1 Peter 4:1-5



What is it for?

Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.

Romans 6:19

When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.

²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!

Romans 6:20–21

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

Romans 6:22

Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

Romans 6:16

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Galatians 5:13

5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. **7** Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. **8** Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. **11** To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:5–11



**How should
we use it?**

“Submission is an act of faith. We are trusting God to direct in our lives and to work out His purposes in His time. After all, there is a danger in submitting to others; they might take advantage of us.

The key, of course, is the phrase 'in due time'. God never exalts anyone until that person is ready for it. First the cross, then the crown; first the suffering, then the glory."

Wiersbe – Be Hopeful

“Our motivation rests in this: submission to authority is the strongest apologetic against the view the Christians are never up to any good.”

David R Helm – Preaching the Word

1 The The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. **2** They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

3 They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

Acts 4:1-3

18 Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.^{**19**} But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!

Acts 4:18–19

20 As for us, we cannot help speaking
about what we have seen and heard.

Acts 4:20

**Now, Lord, consider their threats and
enable your servants to speak your word
with great boldness.**

Acts 4:29

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Romans 6:22

**Can we live freely
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**Can we love our fellow Christians, even
when we disagree?**

**Can we honor unbelievers and
respect the authority God has given them?**