

Discussion Notes for 1 Peter 2 (Part 3) :13-25

- Why should Christians take seriously the admonitions in the Bible to live in harmony with one another?
- In **verses 13-15** Peter exhorts believers to live harmoniously with the institutions that govern mankind. Why do you think Christians find that so difficult to carry out?
- In what instances are believers free to respectfully ignore government mandates and laws?
- Read **verse 16** again. In what ways could believers use their freedom (whether freedom in Christ or even our Constitutional freedom) as “a cover-up for evil”?
- Peter tells us to “**honor everyone**” in **verse 17**. How can we do that in practical ways?
- Why is it so important for Christians to “**love the brotherhood**”?
- Reread **verses 18-19**. Peter tells us to have “all respect” even for those in authority over us who are hard to work for. How can we do that?
- Why is bearing up under unjust and unfair leadership something that is considered commendable in God’s sight?
- Read **verses 20-23**. Why is it an honorable thing for us to follow in our Lord’s footsteps by enduring sorrow?
- Why do Christians today find this to be an extremely hard concept?
- How could you use **verses 24-25** to share the Gospel with someone?
- How have we been “healed” by the wounds of Jesus?
- How has Jesus made peace between God and mankind?
- What are the implications of that peace? How should it affect our lives?