

Real Freedom

1 Peter 2:16-20

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Summary: As we progress through our text on Fourth of July weekend, we come to the subject of freedom, which we will examine with four questions from a Biblical perspective. What is our responsibility to the government? What is the role of government? What is real freedom? And last, what does real freedom look like?

1. A. What is our Biblical responsibility to the government?

1 Peter 2:13

B. What justification did we give last week regarding submission to authority in general, and submission to the government in particular?

Psalm 103:19, Daniel 4:34-37, Romans 13:1, 1 Peter 2:13-15, Acts 5:27-29

C. Does it not boil down to having a heart of obedience to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ? What can we do to help cultivate a dedicated submission to His authority which is pleasing to Him? John 1:12, 3:3, Rom. 10:9-10, Proverbs 2:1-7, 3:1-7, 22:4, John 14:15, 1 Peter 5:5

2. A. According to our text, what is the role of the government towards us?

1 Peter 2:14

B. What happens when there is no governmental leadership for society?

Genesis 6:5, Judges 17:6

C. We have a great nation as established by our founding fathers which has resulted in unprecedented freedom here in the United States. What are some of the things we can do as Americans in support of our country?

Romans 13:5-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-2

3. A. What **is** real freedom?

1 Peter 2:16

B. True freedom, then, is to become a bonds slave of God. Why would this be the case, and how would you support it?

Romans 6:1-18, 2 Corinthians 5:15, 17 & 21, 1 Peter 2:24

C. Real freedom is God centered, not self centered. Are you more concerned about what others think or about what pleases God?

2 Corinthians 5:9, Titus 2:12-15

4. A. And last, what does real freedom look like?

1 Peter 2:17

B. What do you think it means to “Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king?” Luke 10:27, Galatians 5:13-14

C. How can we best carry this out?

Romans 12:1-3, Philippians 2:3-5