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## **Living well in a world that isn't**

What happens when the world is very sick?

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**1 Peter 2:11-3:22**  
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## **1 Peter 1:1-2**

To God's elect, exiles scattered...  
Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

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## Live good lives among non-Christians

<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> **Live such good lives** among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, **they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.**

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## Submission by Everyone

<sup>13</sup> Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, <sup>14</sup> or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. <sup>15</sup> For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.

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

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## Submission by "Slaves"

<sup>18</sup> Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. <sup>19</sup> For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

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## Submission: Christ's example

<sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats.

Instead he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

<sup>24</sup> "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." <sup>25</sup> For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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## Everyone honoring each other

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For,

"Whoever would love life and see good days  
must keep their tongue from evil  
and their lips from deceitful speech.

<sup>11</sup> They must turn from evil and do good;  
they must seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous  
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,  
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

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## Matthew 5:43-48

Jesus said:

<sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, **love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,** <sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup> **Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

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## The Big Idea

In a broken world...

- fear/trust/obey God above all else
- set our true hope in His perfect justice while pursuing God's ways now
- honor everyone
- submit even to fallen human authorities
- seeking His special guidance and work in the extremes

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## **This includes...**

### **Be salt and light: Pray for and pursue the ways of heaven on earth**

- Seek transformation of society
- Vote, politic, protest, demonstrate, ...
- Care for the vulnerable and troubled
- Escape from abuse in the ways of God

### **Yet always...**

- Honoring, loving, blessing, and praying for even our enemies
- Obeying where it doesn't mean disobeying God's Law

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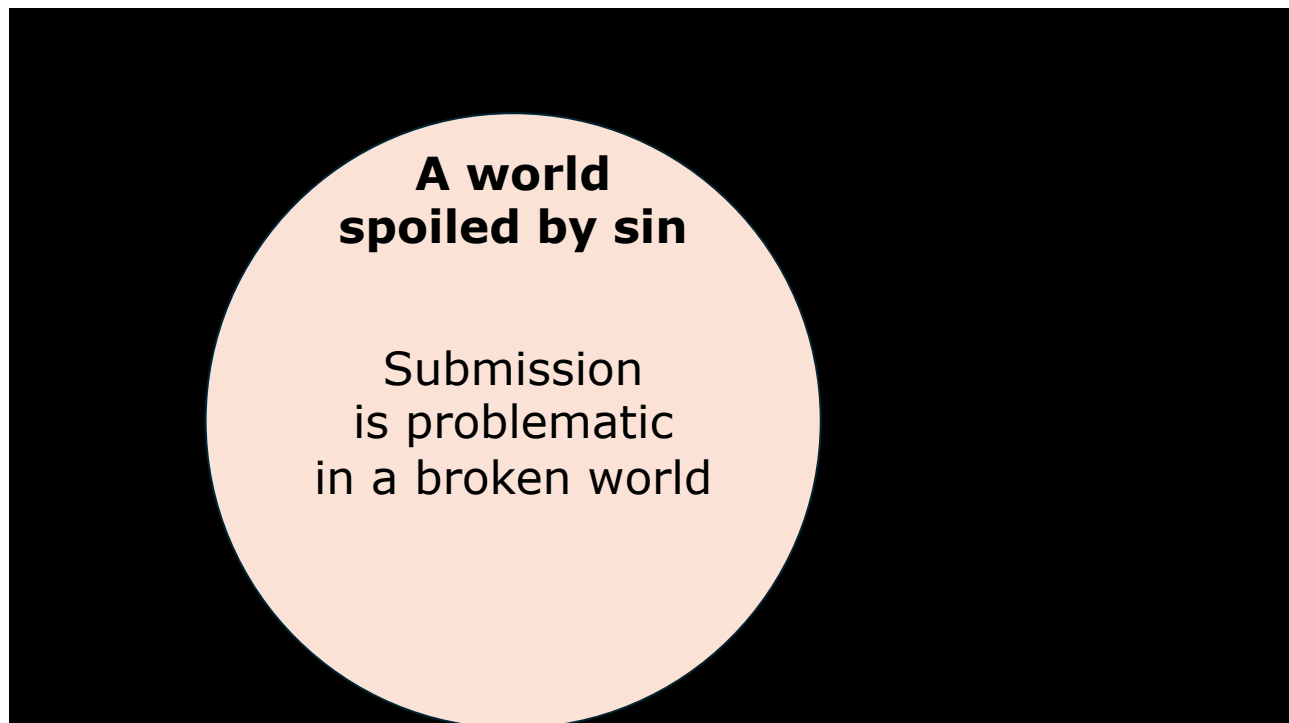


**It takes much greater care,  
but the fundamentals are still the same**

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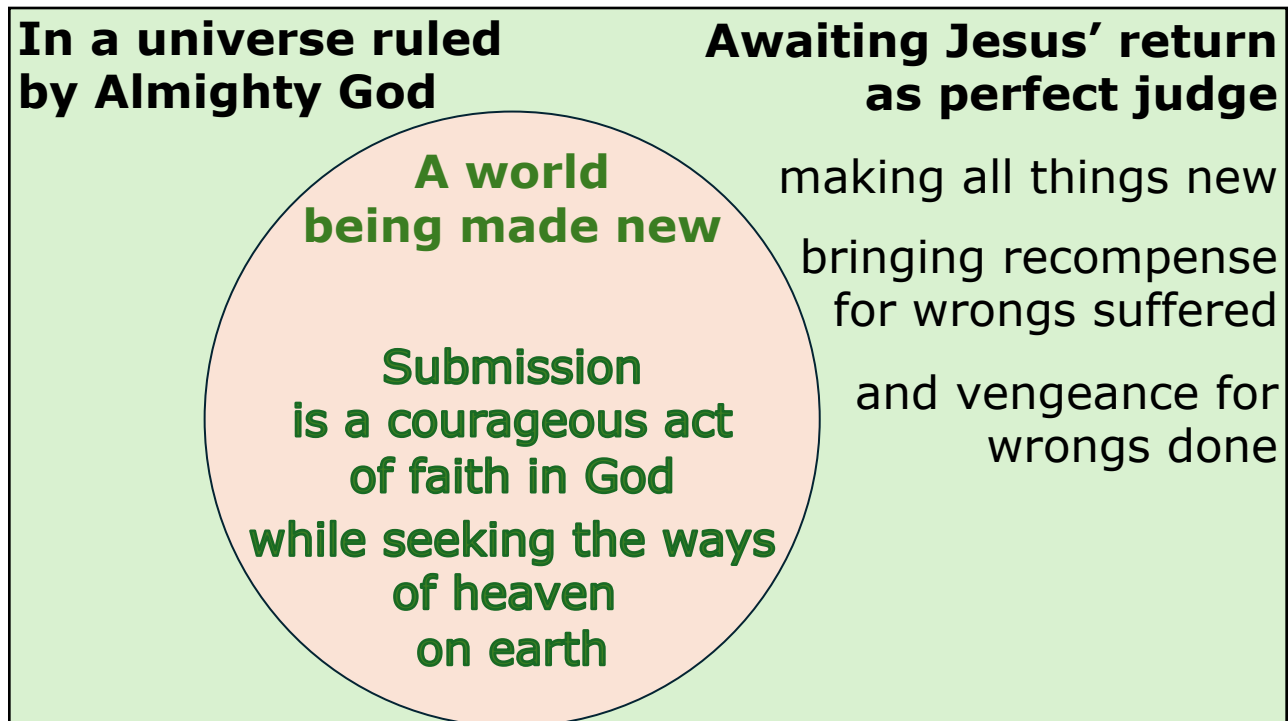


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