

Prayer?

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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, *Senior Pastor*
Message: Elect Exiles and Supernatural Living:
The Christian and Authority
Text: 1 Peter 2:13-17

"Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor." 1 Peter 2:13-17

Peter is making application in how to live out the reality of a biblical faith that is undergirded by understanding the tender mercies of the triune God (1:1-2:10). In this section, he deals with the subject of dealing with governmental authority. The main point of this text is that the believer should consistently do good in order to silence vain and silly accusations as they represent the gospel and pray for the salvation of those around them.

Understanding the Purpose of Government

"The purpose of civil government is briefly defined as to punish those who do wrong and praise those who do right. The word punishment involves the wrongdoer paying a penalty. What Peter expects governments to do is forbidden to people acting, not as representatives of government but, as individuals: they must not inflict retribution for wrong done to them (Romans 12:19-21; Matthew 5:38-48). By contrast, governments that fail to punish wrongdoers disobey God's purpose for their existence." Wayne Grudem, 1 Peter, p.120

The church was to continually do good in a hostile culture as they lived out their minority status because (1) they understood a kingly and ruling Lord watched over them, and (2) The Lord was building his church in part through the attitudes and servant freedom of believers.

General Principles

1. We are to be good citizens for the Lord's sake by submitting to every human institution, i.e. we honor the Father as we live in this way.
2. The Lord has given us human institutions for our flourishing.

Larger Catechism, Question 124

Q. Who are meant by father and mother in the fifth commandment?

A. By father and mother, in the fifth commandment, are meant, not only natural parents, but all superiors in age and gifts; and especially such as, by God's ordinance, are over us in place of authority, whether in family, church, or commonwealth.

3. Believers are called to be good citizens as we understand that government is to punish evil and reward good behavior.

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

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4. The main point of the text: We are to silence / restrain / muzzle the willful ignorance of foolish people by actively doing good deeds.
5. We live good lives by tangibly fleshing out the relational paradigm of verse 17.
 - Honor all men. (esteem/value)
 - Love our brothers and sisters. (take pleasure in them)
 - Fear God. (reverence/worship/hold in high esteem)
 - Honor the Emperor. (value/esteem)
6. True freedom is found in being a servant of the living God. (The more people cry "freedom" without any objective truth, the more they are enslaved to their desires and impulses).

"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" John 8:31-32

"What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, [a] you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness." Romans 6:15-18

7. Involvement in the democratic process of government is a great blessing, but it becomes a burden when the "process" eclipses the weapons of the Christian's armor.

"In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints..." Ephesians 6:16-18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

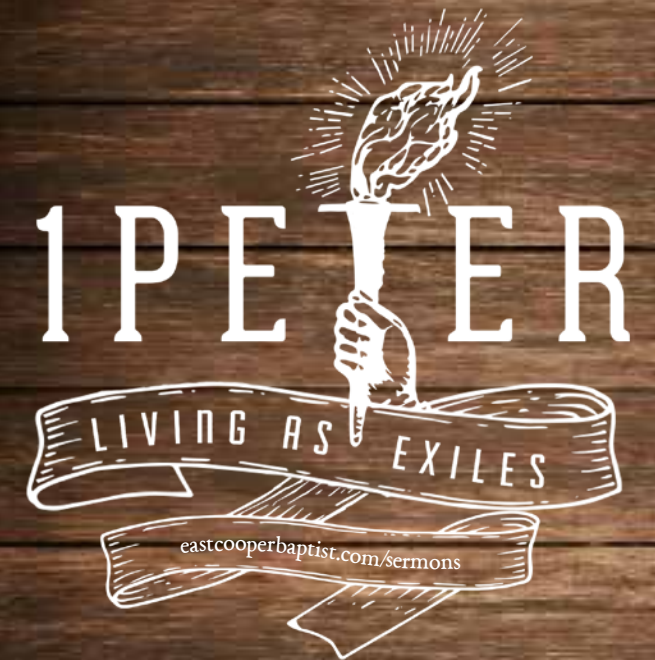
1. What is the main point of the text?
2. Do you understand the "shock value" in hearing this passage read in A.D. 62 during the reign of Nero (A.D. 54-58)?
3. Why does the cry for "freedom" apart from objective truth lead to enslavement? ("The heart wants what it wants. There's no logic to these things. You meet someone and you fall in love and that's that." —Woody Allen)
4. How can the blessing of our noble experiment in representative government become a burden? Note the response of Thomas Aquinas (d. 1250) when Pope Innocent II said, "You see, Thomas, the church can no longer say, 'silver and gold have I none.'"
5. What are good works we can do before the watching world?



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We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop by the Welcome Center following the worship services to say hello and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a
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Worship Center 9:00a & 10:45a



Next Steps.

Attend a Guest Luncheon

Get to know us better at our next Guest Luncheon and see what God has in store for you. You'll meet our pastor and some of our staff and enjoy fellowship with a great meal. Our next free luncheon is **January 12 at 12:15p** in the gym. For more information, please contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.

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Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, **January 25**. This class is a basic introduction to our church family and is a requirement for joining the church. We designed this class to clearly explain what we believe at East Cooper Baptist.

Serve in equip•them

Equip•them is the serving arm for Sunday morning ministries. We have nearly 600 opportunities to serve. Some needs require 15 minutes before the service; others may require the whole equipping hour. eastcooperbaptist.com/serve

Childcare.



We have a safe and loving environment for your children where they can learn about God. Please take advantage of our nursery for children up to age three during the worship services. Our ushers are ready to assist you.



This Week.

For detailed information, please go online.

SUN

OCT 20

equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
GriefShare
10:45-12:15p B227
ECCO Bag Collection
9:00a-12:15p Gym
College Lunch
12:15-1:30p Gym
HSM D-Groups
6:00-8:00p Host Homes

MON

OCT 21

Reengage Marriage Program
6:30-8:30p D203 Choir Room

TUE

OCT 22

Women's Bible Study
9:30-11:30a Worship Center
Worship Band Rehearsal
6:30-8:30p Worship Center

WED

OCT 23

MSM T4:12
6:00-8:00p Gym
Children's Choir (WAM)
6:30-8:00p A-Wing Classrooms
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-8:00p D203 Choir Room
Women's Bible Study
6:30-8:00p B217/218/219
DivorceCare
6:30-8:00p B221

THU

OCT 24

Women's Morning Devotional
6:30-7:30a Welcome Center
Women's Bible Study
9:30-11:30a D-Wing Choir Room
Men's Fall Hike
Thu-Sun NC Mountains

FRI

OCT 25

Man2Man
6:20-7:30a Gym
Young Adult Fall Retreat
Fri-Sun Flatrock, NC



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Equipping Hour.

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PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

Every Sunday, our preschoolers do a fun craft before we head down to Jr. KIDS Church where we sing and dance with the other preschool classes as we worship. We listen to a Bible story through creative teaching, and sometimes we even get time for a snack or outdoor play.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

For our 1st-3rd graders, we have KIDS Church every week, where we learn through creative teaching, music, games, etc. We also have Crosswalk for our 4th and 5th graders that incorporates large group teaching with gender-separate small groups.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Each week, we begin with biblical teaching geared toward the growing student. We then split into small groups and discuss the applications of the lesson. This is where we receive fellowship, accountability, and encouragement.



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

On Sunday mornings we hang out in a large group setting and explore topics that will challenge and strengthen our faith. The goal of our teaching is to demonstrate the wonder of Christ, the wisdom of the Bible, and how to practically live this out in our lives.



NEW TO ECBC?
After the service, stop by the Welcome Center.

Please complete the perforated section and place in the offering plate or bring by the Welcome Center.

Hello.

10.20.19

If you're here for the first time, please come by our Welcome Center and say hello. We'd love to answer any questions and say thanks for being our special guest today.

I/We attended worship at:

9:00a 10:45a

I am a first time guest

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- Join the Church
- Request a personal visit
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Join a Community Group
- Other