**Christian Citizenship**

1 Peter 2:13-17

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1. **Christian citizenship means honoring our leaders.**

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**Romans 13:1 (ESV)**Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

**Romans 13:2 (ESV)**Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

1. **Christian citizenship means following our laws.**

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**Acts 5:27-28 (ESV)**And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this Man’s blood upon us.”

**Acts 5:29 (ESV)**But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.”

**Acts 5:40 (ESV)**And when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

**Acts 5:41 (ESV)**Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.

**Acts 5:42 (ESV)**And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

1. **Christian citizenship means displaying our lives.**

**1 Peter 2:15 (ESV)**For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

**1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)**But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**1 Peter 2:12 (ESV)**Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

1. **Christian citizenship means serving our Lord.**

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