

The Book of First Peter

"Personal Christian Submission"

1 Peter 2:10, 11

Intro. 1. There are social implications to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. These social involvements find their most basic requirements in the heart and life of the individual believer.

3. Two considerations summarize the truth respecting personal submission:

1. An INJUNCTION presented.

This injunction includes:

a. Something from which to abstain.

1) lusts--desires proscribed by God.

2) fleshly--more human nature, but that which is fallen.

This whole matter moves beyond the merely sexual. Cf. Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 2:3; 2 Pet. 3:18.

b. Something always to maintain.

1) conversation--behaviour.

2) honest--morally beautiful.

3) Gentiles--unsaved world.

Let it be registered that the clean life of a Christian is one of the most powerful means God has to commend His Son to the world.

2. An EXPLANATION offered.

This offers the reasons behind the aforementioned injunction.

a. A condition of believers.

- 1) strangers--dwellers alongside of.
- 2) pilgrims--settled down alongside of.

In Psa. 39:12 in the LXX, these two words are used by the Psalmist.

b. A conviction of the Spirit.

- 1) war--carry on military campaigns.
- 2) soul--hostile to soul's improvement.

c. An expectation.

- 1) seeing--view from day to day.
- 2) glorify God--praise Him.
- 3) day of visitation--time to come.

Conclusion: Do the Gentiles speak of you as an evil doer or as one who does good? In great pity, let us look at the world which is lying in wickedness and hurrying to hell. Let us rise and do all we can to save them. If nothing else, let us live holy and consistent lives!