

## Alien Living

2 Peter 2:13-17  
July 11, 2010

## How Should We Live as Aliens?

1. Submit to government leaders

## *Peter and John*

<sup>18</sup> So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, <sup>20</sup> for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."  
(Acts 4:18–20, ESV)

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## *Showing honor*

"Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, **honor to whom honor is owed.**"  
(Romans 13:7, ESV)

## *Don't curse a ruler*

"You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people." (Exodus 22:28, ESV)

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3. Pray for those in authority

## *Pray for those in authority*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:1-4, ESV)

## *Seek the welfare of our city*

“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” (Jeremiah 29:7, ESV)

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## *God’s ambassadors*

<sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, **we are ambassadors for Christ**, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” (2 Cor. 5:18–20, ESV)

## *Ambassador in chains*

<sup>19</sup>and [pray] also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an **ambassador** in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.” (Eph. 6:19–20, ESV)

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5. Speak with a prophetic voice

## *John the Baptist*

<sup>3</sup> For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, <sup>4</sup>because John had been saying to him, 'It is not lawful for you to have her.'" (Matthew 14:3-4, ESV)

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