

1 Peter 2.11-17 – Doing Good for God’s sake

Emperor Nero blamed then punished Christians for the Great Fire of Rome (AD 64)

Last week – Peter is writing to Christians – God’s chosen people,

for whom heaven is our home (we are strangers in this world)

So...

1. Do good

Avoid moral failure and ‘keep Christianity weird’ (Rory Shiner)

Matt 5.14-16 – good works lead others to glorify God (when they are saved)

2. Submit to authorities (one way we do good) v13ff

God’s purpose for them (v14) is not always realized, some governments are unjust

(Matt 5.10-11; Romans 13.1ff)

Obey the authorities

There is a limit (Exodus 1, Daniel 3 & 6, Acts 5.29)

What submission includes for us today (and in covid, even when we disagree)

3. To Please God – v13, v12, v15, 16, 17; Rom 6.22; Matt 22.21

What this will look like for me in practice is _____