

CrossRoads Baptist Church  
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I Peter 2:13-15  
Will of God Series #5

## **The Will of God is for You to be Submissive**

As we are looking at the will of God, we continue to see that God's will is clearly defined in several key passages in the Bible. Tonight we look at the command to be submissive to all authorities.

### **I. The blueprint of submission.**

The blueprint for all relationships that require submission is the Trinity.

We believe in one God with three persons. All three persons of the Godhead are equal.

John 10:31 Jesus said that He and the Father are one.

We know the Holy Spirit is called the "Spirit of Christ" or the "Spirit of Jesus." You can't separate yourself from your spirit. So Jesus and the Spirit are one.

But in the atmosphere of oneness, there is authority and submission.

Look:

John 5:19 Jesus said He only did what He saw the Father doing.  
John 16:13 The Holy Spirit does not speak of His own authority (NKJV) initiative (NAS) but whatever He hears, the same He speaks.

So both Jesus and the Holy Spirit submit to the authority of the Father.

Submission does not lessen equality.

Ephesians 5:21 "Submit to one another." There is mutual submission and that means we are all equal but submission does not forfeit equality.

### **II. The basic issue of submission.**

The basic issue that I want you to see tonight is that submission is an issue of the heart. You may act in total submission but unless your heart and spirit is one of submission, then God does not recognize that submission.

Illustration of Charlie Brown – sitting in the corner, but in my heart I am standing up.

Of the basketball team – coach was getting on to the player and as soon as coach turned, he was doing a fist.

God wants to break our heart into submission, not just our body into submission.

### **III. The bases of submission.**

There are four main areas (or bases) of submission:

First base – God. Submission to Him is the primary submission.

Second base – the family including the husband/wife and parent/child relationship.

Third base – the church.

Fourth base – the government.

### **IV. The benefits of submission.**

Look briefly at the benefits of submission:

Romans 13:1-2 If you submit, then you will not come under judgment.

Ephesians 5:22-24 - Submission between the husband and wife is a picture of the relationship of Christ and His church.

Ephesians 6:1-2 Children are promised a long life and that it will be well with them.

Hebrews 13:17 - It will be profitable for the church to be in submission to their leaders.