

SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

CLASS 7

SUBMISSION

What is submission?

To submit means to give over or yield to the power or authority of another (often used reflexively). The act of Biblical submitting is reflexive, meaning that it is something that you do to yourself.

Submission is not subjugation. To subjugate means to:

1. Bring under complete control or subjection; conquer; master
2. To make submissive or subservient; enslave.

Biblical submission is never done by force. It is done of one's own choosing.

Understanding governments

The purpose of government is to establish order and authority. Therefore, when a person chooses to submit, they are submitting to governments or those who represent governments. There is no Biblical instruction or direction to submit to gifts, for gifts do not represent governments.

Heb. 13:17 (KJV) *Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.*

The word for rule in this Scripture is *hegeomai*, which is the same word for Governor in Matthew 2:6.

Submit - **G5226**

hupeikō

hoop-i'-ko

From [G5259](#) and εἰκω eikō (to *yield*, be "weak"); to *surrender*:—submit self.

G5259

hupo

hoop-o'

A primary preposition; *under*, that is, (with the genitive) of place (*beneath*), or with verbs (the agency or means, *through*); (with the accusative) of place (whither [*underneath*] or where [*below*]) or time (when [*at*]):—among, by, from, in, of, under, with. In compounds it retains the same genitive applications, especially of *inferior* position or condition, and specifically *covertly* or *moderately*.

The submission referred to in this verse implies surrendering yourself to those who have governmental authority over you and your soul.

Old Testament

Genesis 16:9 (KJV) *And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.*

H6031

'ânâh

aw-naw'

A primitive root (possibly rather identical with [H6030](#) through the idea of *looking down* or *browbeating*); to *depress* literally or figuratively, transitively or intransitively (in various applications). (*sing* is by mistake for [H6030](#)):—abase self, afflict (-ion, self), answer [by mistake for [H6030](#)], chasten self, deal hardly with, defile, exercise, force, gentleness, humble (self), hurt, ravish, sing [by mistake for [H6030](#)], speak [by mistake for [H6030](#)], submit self, weaken, X in any wise.

2 Samuel 22:45 (KJV) *Strangers shall submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.*

Psalms 18:44 (KJV) *As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.*

Psalms 66:3 (KJV) *Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.*

H3584

kâchash

kaw-khash'

A primitive root; to *be untrue*, in word (to *lie, feign, disown*) or deed (to *disappoint, fail, cringe*):—deceive, deny, dissemble, fail, deal falsely, be found liars, (be-) lie, lying, submit selves.

New Testament

1 Corinthians 16:16 (KJV) *That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth.*

Ephesians 5:22 (KJV) *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.*

Colossians 3:18 (KJV) *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.*

James 4:7 (KJV) *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

1 Peter 2:13 (KJV) *Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;*

1 Peter 5:5 (KJV) *Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.*

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hupotassō

hoop-ot-as'-so

