

Living to Display God's Grace

SUBMISSION TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES, PART 4

1 Peter 2:13-17



1 Peter: Holy Living in a Hostile Land

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—godly **behavior** based in the **will of God**

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“Foolish” in God’s eyes; senseless, without reason, rash.
Proverbs tells us exactly what God means by a foolish person in Proverbs 1:7, 22-23.

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Obsequious obedience means servile or excessive obedience.
That is not what Peter is commanding of us.

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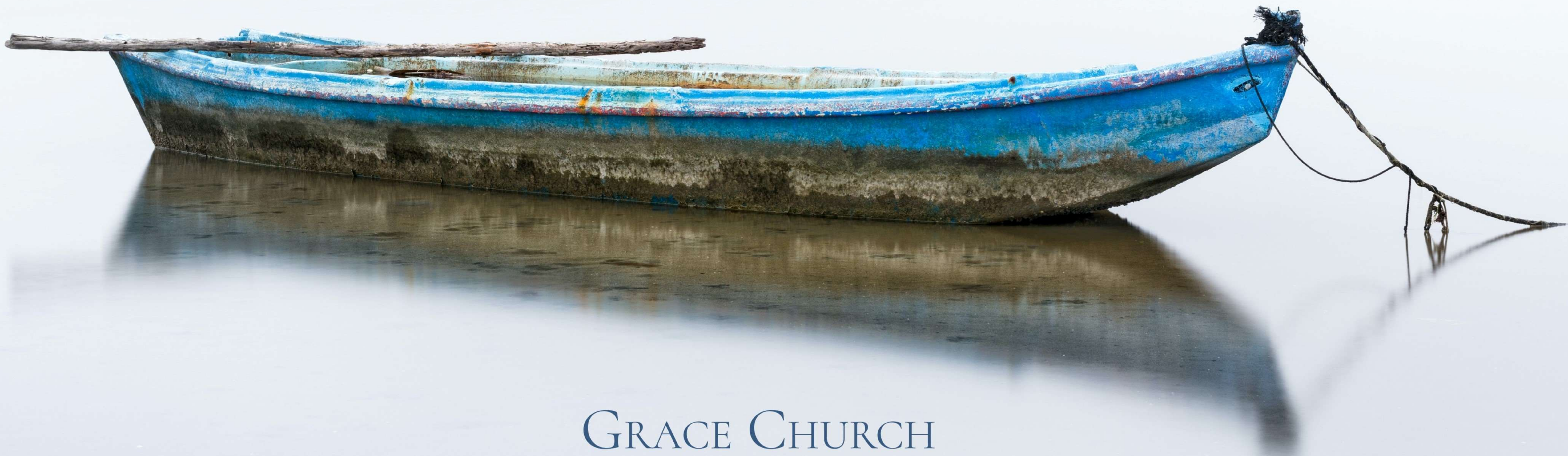
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“Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.”

(Ephesians 5:1-2)

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