

**Christianity is a relationship in our spirits with God, Who is a Spirit – there's one way it works, when we submit to Him – then all will be well.**

Heb 12:9 ...**Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of (our re-born) spirits and live (remain alive to Him and so be protected by Him)?**

James 4:7 **Submit yourselves therefore to God (as the loving, life giving King of Heaven – so that, only by Him you can now). Resist the devil (as the hateful, destructive ruler of this world), and he will flee from you. KJV**

Jer 7:23 ...**'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, so that it will be well with you.'** (Is it well with you? Are you obeying your Father's voice?)

Satan rules the world because they don't obey God – sadly, neither do most Christians

1 Jo 5:19 ...**The whole world is under the rule of the Evil One (Satan). TEV**

2 Chron 30:8 **Now do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers were (other Christians are) but yield yourselves to the LORD; and enter His sanctuary (kingdom), which He has sanctified forever, and serve the LORD your God...**

Deut 28:62 **You (Christians in right relationship with God) shall be left few in number, whereas you were (as numerous) as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.**

It is only as we submit to God that, now by His love and power in us, we can submit to each other, to spiritual authority, and to man's rules that have their origin from God.

Eph 5:21 **Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God (yielded to Him).**

Heb 13:17 **Obey your spiritual leaders and submit to them, recognizing their authority over you, for they are constantly keeping watch over your souls and guarding your spiritual welfare, as those who will have to render an account to God. Do your part to let them do this with gladness not with...groaning for that would not be profitable to you.**

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1 Peter 5:5 **Likewise you (spiritually) younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.**

1 Pe 2:13 **Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake... The key phrase is "ordinance of man". The word translated as "ordinance" in the Greek is ktisis; it is only translated as ordinance once and it is in this scripture, in eighteen other scriptures it is translated as "creation" and in each case the context makes clear that it means "creation of God" in Rev**

3:14 it is exactly that way. The word “of” in “ordinance of man” isn’t in the Greek. So, substituting “ordinance (creation) of God” for “ordinance” and “to” for “of” we get “**Submit yourselves to every ordinance of God to man**”. In other words submit to man’s laws that are based on the Bible.

We actually worship God always, when we submit our bodies to His ownership control

1 Cor 6:19-20 **Or do you not know that...you are not your own? For you were bought with a price (at Calvary); therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.** (The word “Lord” means “Owner”)

Rom 12:1 **I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of all the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies, presenting all your members and faculties, as a living sacrifice, holy devoted, consecrated and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service and spiritual worship.** AMP

Rom 6:13 **And do not present your bodies as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your bodies as instruments of righteousness to God.**

God says sin is disobedience to Him – disobedience is to despise His authority over us

Rom 6:16 **Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin resulting in death (to God) or of obedience resulting in righteousness?**

Based on this scripture, Andrew Murray in a September 5 devotional says: “Sin is disobedience to God; A contempt (a despising) of the authority of God. It robs God of His honor as God and Lord (owner). Sin is determined opposition to a Holy God.

I Sam 12:14 **If you will fear the LORD (that is) serve Him, obey His voice and not rebel against the Lord’s commands (to you)...all will be well.**

Ps 25:14 **The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear Him...** ESV/ASV

Ps 34:9 **Oh, fear the LORD...There is no want to those who fear Him.**

The word Lord means owner, the word Kingdom means dominion. Is Jesus your owner? Are you living in God’s Kingdom, that is, does God have complete dominion over you?

1 Cor 12:3 **...No one can say that Jesus is Lord (owner) except by the Holy Spirit.** (because to have the Holy Spirit I must currently be in submission to God – Acts 5:32)

Mark 10:15 **...Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God (to be dominated by a loving God) as a little (submissive) child will by no means enter it.**