

## The Conversation of a Christian

### Introduction

1. Text 1 Peter 2:12-25
2. How do others see us?
3. Will the life that we live disarm prejudice against Christians?
4. This is what they were trying to do in the first century, what about us today?
5. The meaning of Conversation in the KJV
  - a. Thayer's: manner of life, conduct, behavior, deportment
  - b. Vines: Conversation is not used in the RV, as it does not express the meaning of the word so translated in the KJV.
  - c. The word is used 13 times in the New Testament
  - d. 1 Peter 1:15,18; 2:12; 3:1,2,16; 2 Peter 2:7; 3:11; Gal 1:13; Heb 13:7
6. This is a self-disciplined life.
7. Let us study how a Christian is to behave

### II Discussion

1. Submit to the government
  - a. The Jews did not want to submit to any civil magistrate who was not one of their own. Clarke
  - b. This then is why Christians are told to submit to all in government
  - c. Rom 13:1-7; Titus 3:1-3
2. Silence others
  - a. Christians sojourn in the country of the Gentiles; live so as to stop their mouths vs. 12, 15
  - b. The answer of a good life would be the best defense.
  - c. Matt 5:16; Eph 2:10
3. Servants Vs 16,18
  - a. Willingly and doing His good will.
  - b. How a servant is to act vs. 16 –19
  - c. Christians are free from Satan and sin Rom 6:16-18
4. Suffer
  - a. Patterns - wrongfully like Christ our example
  - b. Perfect fulfillment Rom 12:19-20
  - c. Perfect Love Rom 5:6-9; 1 John 4:18
5. Sheep
  - a. Are owned by the Chief Shepherd 1 Peter 5:4
  - b. The sheep know the voice of the Shepherd John 10:3-5, 11-18
  - c. We can be healed by His stripes from our sin.

### III Conclusion

1. How are you living in this world?
2. Is it a life in which we let God tell us how we are to live?
3. If not why not?
4. Let the healing of sin take place in your life by contacting the blood of Christ, now

Sources: God's definition of a Christian, sermon outlines on 1 Peter by Tom Holland; Vine's and Thayer's Dictionaries of New Testament words; Commentaries by Wycliffe, Barnes; Adam Clarke and Matthew Henry; Denton Lectureship on 1 & Peter 1998