

Living under Authority

Romans 13:1-7

Introduction:

1 Cor. 11:3 *But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.*

1 Cor. 15:28 *And when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, that God may be all in all.*

John 14:26 *the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name*

1 John 4:10 *and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

John 10:30 *I and the Father are one*

- There is a submission to **God's** authority
James 4:7 *Submit therefore to God.* Heb. 12:9 John 3:36 Acts 5:29
- There is a submission to the **Bible's** authority
Luke 8:21 *Jesus said... "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."*
Luke 11:28 1 Jn 2:5 Rom. 2:8
- There is a submission to **Church** authorities
Heb. 13:17 *Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.* 1 Pet. 5:5
- There is a submission to a **Husband's** authority in marriage
Col. 3:18 *Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.* 1 Pet. 3:1 Eph. 5:24
- There is a submission to a **Parent's** authority in the family
Col. 3:20 *Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.* Eph. 6:1
- There is a submission to an **Employer's** authority at work
1 Pet. 2:18 *Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.* Col. 3:22 Eph. 6:5 Titus 2:9
- There is submission to all **Governmental** authorities
Titus 3:1 *Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient*
1 Pet. 2:13 *Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution*

1 Sam. 15:23 *For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry.*

John 6:38 *For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*

#1. The _____ of Government 1

• **Matthew 22**

Matthew 22:21 *Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's*

Romans 13:1 *Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities.*

1 Pet. 2:13 *Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution,*

Titus 3:1 *...be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient...*

• **Acts 4:18 ff and Acts 5:40 ff**

• **Daniel 1**

• **Daniel 6**

#2. The _____ of Government 2-5

1st-Government is _____ by God

Acts 13:48 *and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed*
Daniel 2:21 *He removes kings and establishes kings;*

2nd-Resisting government is resisting _____

1 Samuel 24:7

3rd-Resistance to Government will be _____

1-Restitution

Ephesians 4:28 *Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have something to share with him who has need.*

2-Corporeal punishment

3-Capital punishment

What was God's purpose in punishment?

1st - a matter of justice

2nd - a deterrent to crime

3rd - a restraint on criminals

4th - allowed for rehabilitation ...

• Prison

Ecclesiastes 8:11 *Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil.*

4th-Government is designed to restrain _____

1-Government is to act without _____

Deut. 19:13 *You shall not pity him, but you shall purge the blood of the innocent from Israel, that it may go well with you. 21 Thus you shall not show pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. 20 And the rest will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such an evil thing among you.*

2-Government is to act without _____

Deut. 13:6 *If your brother, ...or your son or daughter, or the wife you cherish, or your friend ... entice you secretly, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods' ...8 you shall not ... spare or conceal him*

3-Government is to act without _____

Deut. 25:2-3 *then it shall be if the wicked man deserves to be beaten, the judge shall then make him lie down and be beaten in his presence*

5th-Government is to promote _____

6th-Government is empowered to punish with _____

Genesis 9:6 *Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.*

• Bloodguilty

Genesis 4

Ezekiel 7:22 *I shall also turn My face from them., for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.*

7th-Submit to Government for _____ sake

Acts 24:16 *I do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men*

1 Tim. 1:19 *keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.*

#3. The Christian's _____ to Government 6-7

1st - Be _____ to your Governing authorities

2nd - Pay your _____ to your Governing authorities

Matthew 17:24 *Does your teacher not pay the two-drachma tax? But, lest we give them offense, go to the sea, and throw in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a stater. Take that and give it to them for you and Me.*

3rd - _____ for your Governing authorities

1 Tim. 2:1-4 *I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

Conclusion:

#1. Remember _____ we submit to authority

1 Peter 2:9 *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, 13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, 14 or to governors as sent by him ... 15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. 17 Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.*

#2. Remember _____ Christians can _____ society

Matthew 5:13 *You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 "Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

1 Pet. 2:12 *Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may on account of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

#3. Remember _____ we are trying to _____

Philippians 3:20 *For our citizenship is in heaven*

John 18:36 *My kingdom is not of this world*